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CRIME CHALLENGES THE CHURCHES

By John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

The churches are in the front trenches of America's crime prevention crusade!

Never before has there been such a challenging need for inspirational leadership among the boys and girls of this country. At present, only half of the youth in America are being reached by the churches, and of those, entirely too many are merely "on the rolls." This failure to make contact with the bulk of tomorrow's citizens is producing a fertile field for future juvenile crime. If America is to remain a Christian nation devoted to the fundamental ideals of the Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule, then more adults must assume the responsibility of preparing young Americans for virile, dynamic Christian living.

Church attendance is a vital factor in the nation's crime prevention program. During the past twenty years, I have been profoundly impressed with the fact that the "church-going people" are the most substantial group of citizens in the nation. Church attendance and crime do not mix.

The churches have an excellent opportunity to fight the causes of crime.

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BAPTISTS TO MARK WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 4

Washington, D. C.—February 4 will be observed as Baptist World Alliance Sunday; with Baptists throughout the world joining in testimony and prayer, it was announced at World Alliance headquarters here.

"Never was our testimony more needed than now," declared a proclamation signed by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, Alliance president, and Dr. W. O. Lewis of Washington, general secretary. "Essentially this testimony is two-fold; we stand for the Gospel, and we stand for religious freedom."

The proclamation expressed regret that while freedom from want and freedom from fear are subjects of international conferences, religious freedom is not getting "the thought and attention it needs."

It said further: "There may emerge a larger toleration after the war; in this we can rejoice, but toleration is not religious freedom. What Thomas Helwys, Roger Williams, and the Virginia Baptists demanded, and what every Baptist knows his principles demand, is the full religious freedom which is rooted in the relations of man to God and which no state can rightly suppress or limit. Whether our testimony be accepted or not, to offer it remains our high and sacred obligation."



BAPTIST HOUR SPEAKER
Sunday morning, January 28th

Hour—8:30 EWT. 7:30 CWT

His subject, "My Fighting Congregation," is the title of his book which tells of his experiences as a chaplain and is used by permission of the publishers, Doubleday, Doran & Company.



Dr. Duke K. McCall, president, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, is a scheduled featured speaker at the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, March 5-8, 1945.

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The Oil City church is looking forward to their revival, March 4-16. Evangelist Barney Walker is to preach.—Earl George, pastor.

THE LITTLE BAPTIST

By J. M. Martin

(Continued from Last Week)

(With special permission of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, we present this story by J. M. Martin, a popular narrative. Follow it weekly. The book, The Little Baptist, may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.—Editor.)

"You will confer a favor by enlightening me relative to the difference in the design of baptism," said Nannie.

"Well, if you will patiently hear me," said Mellie, "I will try to do so. Without confining certain Pedobaptist denominations to their written creeds, but allowing that they have outgrown them, we will suppose that all agree that baptism is not a saving ordinance, but only declarative in its significance. With the disciples, unless designed as a saving ordinance, it means simply nothing, except as an illustration of death and the resurrection. As regards the person baptized, it declares nothing, past, present nor future. Though scriptural in action, it is incomplete in design. Pedobaptists are confined to no specific mode or action; therefore it must be the water alone that declares the design. Some say that by the pouring of water they illustrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the heart. Others assume that the water represents the purifying influence of the Spirit; while others still say it is merely a dedicatory ceremony, employing the use of water, at the hands of a priest or minister, and that its virtue, efficacy, significance, or whatever it

may be called, is derived from the official position of the priest or minister applying it. But it is clear that the pouring out of the Holy Spirit is not in form, but only in power, and this action can no more be represented by the pouring of water than could the pouring down of the heat of the sun of a hot summer day. Water, in itself, does not represent or illustrate purification, for this is only done by washing—immersing or submerging. Purification or cleansing comes by the act of washing the thing in or with water, and not by pouring or sprinkling water on the object to be cleansed. Nor can we believe that the hands of the priest, his official position, or his prayers, add any holy influence to the water; to do so would be to admit baptismal regeneration at once.

"Baptism consists of an action in water, or of a performance declaring the subject's death to sin, and resurrection to a new life. To show that it is the action and not the water that represents and declares a thing or fact, let me give you some examples by way of illustration. Pilate declared his innocence of the blood of Christ by the simple act of washing his hands in the presence of the people. It was not the water but the act of washing in the water that declared his innocence. Christ washed His disciples' feet as a declaration of humility. Humility was here expressed; but how? Did the water, or

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FOUNDATION SECRETARY OFFERS SERVICE

The work of the Foundation is new in Mississippi. Until a few years ago, a Christian could not make a will payable to a religious institution or agency. Now this is possible, and along with this privilege has come the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, to handle and administer the funds according to the desires of the donors.

The Foundation secretary, Rev. A. B. Pierce, asks of the pastors and churches the privilege of presenting this important work to the people. If he may be able to supply, or better, visit the churches while the pastor is present and present the work, please call or write him at Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

You may also help get this matter before the pastors by giving the secretary a place on the program at your pastors' conferences. The Foundation works for all our causes, so a chance to inform the people about it will be appreciated, and prove a blessing for all.

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PROTESTANTS IN THE SOVIET UNION

Polyansky, Soviet Official, Explains Their Status

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Moscow—(By Wireless)—Protestant and other non-Orthodox groups in the Soviet Union have created associations to deal with the newly-formed Soviet Council on Affairs of Religious Cults, according to its chairman, Ivan Vasilievich Polyansky. The Soviet official, in an interview with Religious News Service, gave the first full outline of non-Orthodox religious groups in the U. S. S. R.

The council is a companion body to the Soviet Council on Affairs of the Greek Orthodox church organized to maintain contact with the predominant Russian church. It has already, according to Polyansky, set up 25 to 30 field representatives in the provincial and regional soviets, and is expected eventually to increase the number to about a hundred.

"The council's jurisdiction," Polyansky explained, "extends to five churches, namely, Armenian-Gregorian, Old Believers, Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, and Lutheran. In addition, it deals with affairs of the Moslem, Jewish, and Buddhist faiths, and with Baptists, Seventh Day Adventist, and other evangelical sects. Furthermore, any religious group or congregation has the right to appeal to the council for aid in the solution of difficulties."

The Soviet executive revealed that Russian Baptists, of whom there are about 4,000,000 and whose position has been obscure for some years, united at the beginning of the war with other evangelical groups to form a single organization called the Union

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Sparks & Splinters

During 1944 we exceeded our budget of \$3,500. Our gifts to missions amounted to \$450. For 1945 our budget calls for \$3,600 with \$600 of this amount for missions. Last year we had one study course each in Sunday school and Training Union. We plan two each for this year. We are co-operating in the Centennial Plans. Our church is almost three years old and we have 87 members.—Earl George, pastor.

Catchings church has called as their pastor, Dan Morton, a student at B. B. L. New Orleans. Both Pastor Morton and his wife are zealous in missionary work. He is also pastor of the Cary church.—Elton Wheeler, clerk.

Rev. Jewell Wood has accepted full time work at Gillsburg church. He has served as pastor of Salem in Walthall county and at Silver Springs church in Pike county. In addition to his pastoral duties, Rev. Wood is president of the student body at Southwest Junior College, Summit. In the afternoons he will preach at Mt. Vernon and Sunny Hill churches.

Steen's Creek church at Florence had an interesting program for their watchnight service. Mrs. Grace T. Walton directed a music hour. Old and new songs were sung by the choir and special numbers by Miss Emily Whitfield, the quartet and the sextet. Dr. R. N. Whitfield gave a history of the church, and his son, Major John Whitfield, told of his experiences in Italy. Following the intermission when refreshments were served there was a roll call of service men and every person signed a letter to be sent to them. The closing message was brought by Dr. R. B. Gunter.—Mary Frances French, publicity chairman.

Bobby (aged 5): "I wonder why babies are usually born in the night-time?" Jimmy (aged 7): "That's easy. It's because they want to be sure to find their mothers at home."—Hugh Phillips, Georgia, in Progressive Farmer.

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Mississippi Baptists, won't you go the first, second and third miles and give to the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign in February, the month set aside by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to complete the campaign?

Seven Southern Baptist chaplains have now given their lives to their country, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter. Four have been killed in action; two lost their lives in accidents, and one died from natural causes.

Booneville: We observed Centennial Crusade Day on December 31. Our teachers and officers had a prayer service at 9:00 a. m. The pastor preached a special crusade sermon and at night we had a watch night service. From 9 to 11 we had a varied program of fellowship, songs, prayer and resolutions. From eleven until twelve was dedication hour. During December we had ten additions.—J. D. Thompson, pastor.

Word has been received by Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work, of the death of Chaplain Thomas H. Reagan, who died of wounds in Germany on December 18, 1944. Chaplain Reagan, a graduate of Ouachita College in Arkansas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, had gone into the service shortly after his graduation from the seminary in 1933. He had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

During the 27 months pastorate of Dr. Walter L. Johnson at Philadelphia the total receipts have been \$77,337. The membership has grown from 769 to 946 and during this time there have been 259 additions. The Sunday school enrollment has increased from 516 to 564 and Training Union enrollment from 139 to 202.

Friendship, Jackson county: We had five additions on January 14. Two were mothers. We have had nine additions in January. Our church is now heated with natural gas.

Crusade committees have been appointed in the following associations: Bolivar, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Covington, Gulf Coast, Holmes, Hinds-Warren, Itawamba, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Marshall, Pearl River, Prentiss, Rankin, Sunflower, Tippah, Yazoo and Walthall. It is earnestly hoped that the other associations will report immediately on their committees. The time is now almost at hand when monthly reports of conversions and baptisms are to be made from the associational committees to the state director of evangelism who will then make a report from Mississippi to Dr. M. E. Dodd, the South-wide director. Please act at once. W. A. Bell, 126 Eureka, Jackson, Mississippi.

Brother and Mrs. Berkman DeVille have given seven of their best years in the mission field in South Louisiana. They are having to leave that field because of Mrs. DeVille's health. We know that some good church will need the services of these fine people. They are available for a pastorate somewhere. Brother DeVille can be reached at Houma, Louisiana, 513 Crescent Blvd.—Charles L. McKay.

Verona: Our church has voted to give \$100 to the Baptist Hospital Enlargement Fund. We have also voted to begin a building fund for a pastor's home.—Reporter.

The First Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., reports the largest Lottie Moon offering to Foreign Missions in its history, amounting to \$1,900.

Baylor University, one of the greatest Baptist schools in the south, will celebrate its 100th anniversary Feb. 1, 1945. The anniversary will be observed by many features covering the calendar year. The general theme of the anniversary is "Christian Education; Safeguard of Democracy." The various angles of that slogan will be emphasized at all of the major programs held on the campus.

The Virginia Baptist paper, Religious Herald, moved during Christmas week to the new Baptist State Building. Hereafter, their address is P. O. Box 3-R, Richmond 7, Va. We congratulate our Virginia brethren upon having their agencies housed together in their own building.

Rev. Roy Self, a student in the Baptist Bible Institute, has accepted the call of the Port Allen Mission, West Baton Rouge parish. This mission was organized into a church Sunday, Jan. 21.

First, Laurel: Our people are becoming hospital conscious, we have already given \$1,075 and plan to give another thousand or more. "Heal the sick."—Reporter.

His many friends will be delighted to know that Chaplain Eugene I. Farr has been promoted from lieutenant to captain. He is now located in France.

Beacon, Laurel: As of January 14 we have had 24 additions in the last four Sundays. We have also furnished our auditorium with new seats. We are crowded for space and seriously need two pianos.—Percy F. Herring, pastor.

Rev. D. W. Moulder, greatly beloved of Mississippi preachers, has completed 48 years in the pastorate. During these 48 years he has preached 16,101 sermons; baptized 5,006; buried 2,360 and married 393 couples. He is now 77 years of age but is as energetic as a freshman. During 1944 he has been pastor of six churches: Pine Grove (27 years); Beulah (Simpson county) (27 years); Sardis (34 years); White Oak (39 years); Lorena (12 years); Beulah (Smith county) (33 years). During 1744 he preached 346 sermons, baptized 112, buried 136 and married six couples.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. R. S. Crawford, Van Winkle; Rev. O. C. Chance, Clinton; Rev. W. H. Wood, Oakvale; Rev. D. W. McLeod, Florence; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Brandon; B. G. Lowrey, Clinton; Mrs. R. L. Bunyard, Madison; J. B. Robinson, Crystal Springs; Rev. W. R. Storie, Itta Bena; Rev. W. S. Landrum, Clinton; Dr. Bryan Simmons, Laurel; Lt. (jg) Charles W. Horner, U. S. Navy; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia.

Preacher: "Do you say your prayers at night, Jimmy?" Jimmy: "Yes, sir." Preacher: "And do you always say them in the morning, too?" Jimmy: "No, sir, I ain't scared in the day-time."

Reports on the number of conversions and baptisms for the state of Mississippi for the month of January are almost due. On Monday following the last Sunday in the month each pastor is to mail this report to the chairman of his associational committee. The chairman of the associational committee will mail his report to the state director of evangelism. The state director will mail his report to the south-wide director. THESE REPORTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BAPTIST RECORD. Blanks will appear opposite the churches and associations which do not report.

The Blue Mountain College Y. W. A's have elected the following girls as circle leaders to serve during the coming semester on their respective dormitory halls: Miriam Eilers, Barbara Loden, Ardelle Bryan, Velma Griffin, Corinne Griffin, Jewel Breazeale, Ruby Lee Walters and Lila Dale.

Philadelphia: The total offerings for 1944 were \$40,059. The money was divided as follows: missions \$15,326; building fund \$13,956; local expenses \$11,300.

Main Street church at Hattiesburg, John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, has adopted a budget of \$36,000 for 1945. This is an increase of 58% over the 1944 budget.

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DON'T FORGET THE BAPTIST RECORD

Your church can send the paper every week into each home of your membership for the nominal cost of 8½ cents per name per month.

Almost eight hundred Mississippi churches have tried this plan, and testify that it pays dividends through increased contributions, increased interest, and heightened spiritual fervor of the membership.

Send the paper to all the families of your church. It pays!

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Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

"HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE." Proverbs 11:30

We, the Convention Board Committee on Centennial Crusade recommend the following: 1. That every recommendation of the Southwide Committee be adopted. 2. That Mississippi Baptist ministers organize their program of preaching along lines of doctrine, and stewardship and evangelism, as led of the Lord. 3. That the pastors realize their responsibility as never before, as the key men and chief leaders in their church. 4. That the pastors get their brethren on their hearts and pray for each other. 5. That we urge the people to engage in systematic Bible reading and prayer. 6. That we have study courses in Soul Winning. 7. That we strive as never before to honor Christ by our labors and example, to win the lost, revive the saved, stir the souls of God's people, and crown a Century for Christ.—Jas. B. Parker, Solie I. Smith, Mack Jones, W. R. Storie and Glen Eric Wiley.

Mississippi Baptists in 1944 gave to all causes well over ONE MILLION dollars. Of this amount \$938,498.21, came through the Convention Board office. **MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!**

The copy of "Points for Emphasis" by Moore is a handy and neatly bound Sunday school help, as always. Our church and Sunday school leaders will enjoy using it. Price forty cents. Order from Baptist Book Store.

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Mississippi Baptists are projecting several new officers of State Mission work. One of the most important is the new Association Pastor, Enlistment, or Missionary emphasis. If we are to do our best for Christ's sake, we must give ourselves to it in prayer, study, and planning. When this plan was tried years ago it is our understanding that the Convention Board rather took the lead in selecting personnel, and led in the entire program. We believe a better way has been found. The pastors and churches in each given association will shape their own program under the leading of the Holy Spirit and select the personnel. Each association will provide a large share of the money to finance the program. The Convention Board will supplement the salary and expense in each association as requests come, and will boost the work in every way possible. The churches will forward their designated monies for this associational work to the Convention Board office as an integrated part of the State Mission working plan. At the end of each month the monies for the various associations will be sent from this office to the designated association treasurers in each instance. The association treasurer will pay salary and expenses.

We feel the Lord has directly led in the development of this intensive and comprehensive plan. If Mississippi Baptists do not make a success of this plan the work of the Lord Jesus Christ will be set back in tragic fashion in this state.

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"I want to express my gratitude for the monthly check. It makes me want to write a 'thank you' letter each month to the ones who planned the Minister's Retirement Fund. It has certainly been a God-send to me." NOTE: This is the sincere expression of a pastor's widow who gets a monthly check through Minister's Retirement Plan. Many of our fine pastors need to realize the value of this plan.

In checking our work for 1944 we found that as usual we preached 300-400 times during the year and that we spoke in 52 churches we had not been in before. We like to go back to the churches, but we also like to cover new territory for Christ.

Pastor B. H. Benton, Taylorsville, came in with the news that his church had raised over \$1,000 for the Baptist Hospital last Sunday. The people were happy in doing it and are memorializing it for a room for some of their fine young men killed in the service of their country. This is a rather large sum for a church of this size. Pastor Benton is one of our very finest and most constructive younger pastors.

We have wanted to say "thank you" to so many people we have found ourselves limited by time and space. The three Convention presidents during the course of the Now Club campaign rendered conspicuous service in helping bring victory in that effort. Drs. L. T. Lowrey, R. B. Gunter and Mr. E. C. Williams, who served for these six years, in the first place, did not lift a little finger in obstruction tactics; and in the next place, helped tremendously in forwarding the campaign. As Baptist officials, they were second only to Mr. John D. Davis, president of the Convention Board. They might have even blocked his desire to help. Mississippi Baptists can stand a lot of leadership like this.

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Many of our pastors and churches had definitely planned to major on the Cooperative Program emphasis as we concluded victoriously the "Debt-Paying" campaign. We have read and heard statements from many of our Southwide and Statewide leaders to the effect that the Cooperative Program should and would be given right of way. However, we have at least six major state and southwide special campaigns on at the present time. This would seem somewhat to submerge the Cooperative Program, though as a matter of fact, this office received \$19,000 through the Cooperative Program only, the first six days of January. This is almost as much as we usually receive for an entire month.

Special campaigns have undoubtedly submedged the Centennial Crusade emphasis and have pushed it from the front page of the denominational paper. We say all of this NOT TO DISCOURAGE ANYONE IN HELPING TO BRING THESE SPECIALS TO A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, BUT RATHER TO CHALLENGE ALL OF OUR HEARTS IN THE MATTER OF THE HURRYING TO VICTORY THAT WE MAY INDEED MAJOR ON ALL THE CAUSES THROUGH THE "COOPERATIVE PROGRAM," and throughout 1945 upon the CENTENNIAL CRUSADE EFFORT.

The following resolution (see page 35, par. 14, 1944 Mississippi Baptist Convention annual) was presented by a leading pastor and unanimously passed by the Convention Board and the 1944 Convention: "We urge all agencies receiving funds from the Cooperative Program really to cooperate with that program, and that we further urge the churches to place their major financial emphasis on the Cooperative Program."

Our institutions should set needed and reasonable financial goals. They should then use every legitimate means looking toward rapidly reaching that goal. They should then get out of the field as there are altogether 40 institutions, agencies and departments in Mississippi and Southern Baptist life. For instance, suppose the hospital keeps on campaigning after they reach their goal? Suppose Blue Mountain does the same thing? Suppose Mississippi College does the same thing? Suppose the Orphanage keeps up her special drive throughout the year? Then, suppose the three seminaries keep up their campaigns after they have attained their goal? Irrevocable harm would result to all the work and program of the Lord Jesus. Pastors and churches would rebel at such a breach of faith, and rightly so!

All along in this work we have said, in addition to our trying to accomplish specific things in some campaigns, we have been interested in growing a Baptist fellowship. We certainly needed it for carping criticisms, strife, divisions and jealousies that have been walking Baptist highways. Today we do not hesitate to say we have one of the finest fellowships to be found on the face of this earth. Nobody has been hobbled in the matter of free discussions. We believe in free discussions, as we believe in the free blowing of the gentle zephyr or the strong wind before which bow the giant trees of the forest. Frankly, when the "wind" reaches cyclonic and devastating proportions, whether on the floor of the Convention or Convention Board, or in the forest, we are not going to vote for it, regardless of what some Roberts' Rules or Order Masters say. We know a person may be a Christian, gentle, and gentlemanly, at the same time. Some seem to doubt it. Some actually deny it both with lips and in life!

Mississippi Baptists have gone along very well without the self-assertive egotist, the would-be dictator, and the bitter partisan. Our God has sent Mississippi Baptist life to its peak, in the days of greatest unity and spiritual expansion we have known through over 25 years of Christian ministry in Mississippi. We cannot think of any legitimate price that we would be unwilling to pay to see continued at the hands of our Heavenly Father this high hour of spiritual victory and conquest!

Dr. Franks, First Baptist Church, Columbus, carries on the front page of his weekly church bulletin the very significant pastor's pledge as follows:

"Because I love Him, His holy tenth of my income I will bring to His house, as He has clearly taught in His word, with freewill thank offerings besides, for the spread of His gospel throughout all His world."—(Signed) Jesse D. Franks. "This ye ought to do."—JESUS. (Matthew 23:23.)

ALABAMA EDITOR PASSES

Dr. Albert R. Bond, associate editor of the Alabama Baptist, died in Birmingham on December 19. He was seventy years old. A Th.M. graduate of the Louisville Seminary he had held many positions of honor among Southern Baptists. At various times he served as editor of the Baptist and Reflector (Tenn.); editorial secretary of the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, president of Montezuma Baptist College in New Mexico, and later secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Association. He was a Greek scholar and did original research in New Testament Greek and wrote a book entitled "The Master Preacher," which was a study of the homeletics of Jesus. He also made many educational surveys. Among his pastorates were the following Mississippi churches: Magnolia, Brookhaven and Clarksdale.

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About twenty-four thousand dollars is needed to complete the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign. Won't you give it in February?

Dr. R. G. Lee has been pastor of Bellevue church, Memphis, for 17 years. During his pastorate the membership of the church has increased from 1,400 to over 6,000, the church debt liquidated, and, under his ministry during the last 1777 years, over fifty per cent of contributions have gone to mission causes outside the church.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 29—Rev. George Gay, secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention.
January 30—H. L. Rhodes, Choctaw county board member.
January 31—A. S. Bozeman, Mississippi College trustee.
February 1—Pray for faithful observance of G. A. Focus Week, February 4-9.
February 2—Rev. C. W. Thompson, Woman's College trustee.
February 3—Dr. M. Lattimer, Board of Ministerial Education.
February 4—S. E. Lackey, trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

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Alice: "O, granny, what thick, heavy wedding rings they had when you were married!" Granny: "Yes, dear; in my day wedding rings were made to last a lifetime."

"I hear that Jones left everything he had to an orphan asylum." "Is that so? What did he leave?" "Twelve children."

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WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOALS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. A summer assembly.
3. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
4. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
5. A full-time Indian worker.
6. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
7. Associational missionaries.
8. Enlarged soldier work.
9. The Baptist Record in every home.
10. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.

THE EDITOR ASKS A QUESTION

Do our readers wish us to continue the feature "Know Your Bible"? If you like it please send a postal card telling us that you like it and wish it continued. Address your card to The Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, 105, Miss.

MISSIONS MADE PROGRESS UNDER MADDRY

On January first Dr. Charles E. Maddry, for twelve years Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was succeeded by Dr. M. T. Rankin. Dr. Maddry will continue with the Foreign Mission Board for a while as field secretary. This arrangement is at his request. He wished to continue his connection with the Board but felt that the responsibilities that go with the executive secretaryship were too heavy a load.

Southern Baptists have been fortunate in their selection of Foreign

Mission secretaries. Most of them stand out as great leaders and constructive Christian statesmen. Dr. Maddry stands at the very top of the list in any classification.

When he took charge as Executive Secretary in the middle of the depression, Foreign Mission affairs had struck bottom. They couldn't go any lower. It was either up or out. And out meant bankruptcy. The banks (the Foreign Mission Board owed them more than a million) were clamoring for their money and we doubt if they expected to get all of it.

Contributions designated and through the Cooperative Program were at low tide.

Under such conditions Dr. Maddry went to work. And work he did. And so did all under, around and away from him. He resold Foreign Missions to Southern Baptists. With the help of the W. M. U. and the Lottie Moon offering he got by until Foreign Missions could get up. And since then Foreign Missions and all its connections have been going up.

Below we list some of the achievements of the Foreign Mission Board during the twelve years of leadership of Dr. Charles E. Maddry as Executive Secretary: The payment of the crushing debt, which with principal and interest amounted to more than \$1,600,000; visitation of the secretary to all Southern Baptist mission fields and reorganization of missions; the adoption of a workable pension plan for missionaries and Board employees; the establishment and continued growth of The Commission; the receipt of \$1,332,364.90 for relief (1937 to October, 1944); the setting up of a new and more exacting standard of requirements for missionary appointees; a commendable beginning in the field of visual education; an ever-increasing spirit of loyalty and good-will in the churches toward the world-wide program of the Board; the building up of a postwar emergency reserve fund for the replacement of our enormous losses when we return to Europe and the Orient; the strengthening of the spirit of goodwill and helpful co-operation with brethren of other religious bodies in America; and the opening of new and promising work in Colombia, Hawaiian Islands and Paraguay.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE TIME, EFFORT AND MONEY

In Luke 16:9 Christ says: "Make yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness. . . ."

In the same spirit we urge Mississippi Baptists to learn from the business world.

In 1944 the Mississippi Baptist Convention authorized a campaign

to raise \$200,000 for the enlargement of the Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

Why take a year? The war loan drives are completed in a few weeks. The United War Fund Campaign takes only two or three weeks.

The city of Jackson has already raised in cash or pledges more than \$105,000.

Pledges and cash from outside Jackson total more than \$65,000.

Mississippi Baptists are determined to provide the \$200,000 requested by the hospital. They have confidence in all connected with the hospital. They have the money now. They recognize the imperative need for the proposed addition.

By completing the job in January we will save much time. We will also save much effort and the longer we put it off the more expensive it will be.

We do not want to get in the way of Blue Mountain College. February is their month.

One man said jokingly but with a lot of truth that he had heard more promises and seen less cash in this campaign than ever before. He referred to offerings taken and not sent in and pledges made and forgotten.

Churches that have completed their offering should send the money now. Why wait?

Let's lick procrastination.

WE WELCOME A NEW EDITOR

Rev. Floyd Looney, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Tulare, California, has been elected editor and business manager of the California Southern Baptist.

We are glad to welcome him into the fellowship of Southern Baptist editors and into a very important work. He will find plenty to do and will never catch up.

BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS

We wish every white Baptist in our land could read the article below:

"Bolton, Jan. 10—(AP)—The congregation of the Negro Baptist church (membership approximately 100) had come today to the aid of the white Baptist church organization seeking funds to build a meeting house in this little Hinds county community of 627. The Rev. C. L. West, pastor of the negro church, presented \$50 in 'greenbacks' to the building committee of the white congregation.

"With the money, collected at last Sunday's preaching services, went a letter expressing 'sincere interest, good wishes and kind fellowship' toward the 'white brethren' in the same denomina-

tion.

"The white group, headed by their pastor, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, professor of foreign languages at Mississippi College, recently had to give up their former meeting place, an old store building."

This is some of the fruits of the seed which Mississippi Baptists have been sowing the last few years. While the financial amount allotted to work among the negroes is not as much as many desire, yet it is far greater than in years gone by. The 1945 amount is \$4,000 as compared with \$2,400 for 1944.

In the letter were the words, "Sincere interest, good wishes and kind fellowship."

Countless Baptist churches and Baptist people have in times past aided negro churches. With the Convention Board increasing its support of negro work a better feeling exists among the white and colored Baptists.

We wish all those in other states who have been clamoring about the friction between the races could read about Bolton Baptists, black and white. While they fan race prejudice, we, white and black, are doing a little to create better race relations.

We feel that we speak for all Mississippi Baptists when we say to the colored Baptists of Bolton, "Thank you for your fine gesture of friendship."

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

IT'S TIME TO PRAY

A time honored custom has been revived in many homes where it had all but disappeared. That is the custom of family prayer.

Time was when father opened the day with a short but nonetheless devout thanks over the breakfast porridge. Grace was said over lunch and supper, and there was frequently a Bible chapter and brief prayer before bedtime. A few generations ago that routine was a frequent ritual in the home of America. But we got away from the custom, for some reason or other. Today thousands of American homes have reinstituted this gesture which gives so much peace of mind. In many homes a son is off to the wars, his whereabouts unknown. Once we heard a father say, after receiving word that his son was at an embarkation port: "Mary, for the first time since Bill came to us we don't know where he is tonight—on which of the seven seas, or in what clime." Other parents worry about sons whom they know to be in battle. Is it any wonder that a simple prayer can produce such relief from jangled nerves and beaten down spirits?—West Point Times-Leader.

Rev. S. D. Butter has accepted the call of the Dunn church for full time. Brother Butter comes from Vicksburg, Miss.

THE LITTLE BAPTIST

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the application of water, express it? Could sprinkling or pouring water have done it? No; none of these; but the act of washing the feet expressed it in a beautiful and striking figure. Baptism, in one place, is referred to as 'the washing of regeneration,' and again as a ceremony symbolizing purification. But what is it that gives it this significance? It is simply because things are cleansed or purified by being washed in water, and the submerging—immersion—washing of a person in water, figuratively declares a spiritual cleansing or purification. But the figure is always in the action, never in the water. As Pilate declared his innocence by washing his hands, and Christ exhibited His humility by washing His disciples' feet, so in immersion we declare a death to sin and a rising again to a new life. Immersion declares the washing of regeneration, the cleansing from sin and expresses faith in a once dead but risen Saviour. Coming up from the watery grave, we profess a renewal of heart, and exhibit a purpose to walk in newness of life. Like the children of Israel, who, by the passage through the Red Sea, renounced the land of Egypt, and confirmed their allegiance to Moses as their delivered, and exhibited their confidence in him as their leader, we, in baptism, renounce the dominion of sin, pledge allegiance to Christ, and take upon us an obligation to follow Him as our leader. The parallel is so striking that the apostle could justly say that the children of Israel were 'all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.' In the days of Moses this would have been an unmeaning expression, because baptism, as a religious illustrative ceremony, was then unknown. But when known, and its teachings understood, as in the days of the apostles, the two afforded a beautiful analogy.

"Christ instituted in His church two ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These two figuratively illustrate all the important doctrines of the gospel. Baptism is emblematical of Christ's death and resurrection; declares a death to sin, and a purpose to lead a new life, and typifies the death and resurrection of our bodies; while the bread and wine used in the celebration of the Supper are emblems representing Christ's broken body and shed blood, by the use of which we declare our faith in His second coming. The participation in this is not to show our love for family and kin, our respect for our friends, nor confidence in the Christianity of our neighbors. It was instituted in the church, and should be observed by the church only in a church capacity. The right of a church to administer communion extends no further than her right to exercise discipline. Those who are not under her discipline cannot claim her most sacred privilege. The purpose is remembrance of Christ crucified for us, and as oft as the church exhibits these emblems, she shows forth the Lord's death, and declares to the world that Christ will come again. Baptism is a prerequisite to membership in the church which must be legally and scripturally obtained prior to the granting of the right to a seat at the Lord's table."

"Then you presume to say that there is but one church, I suppose," said Nannie.

"I presume to say," said Mellie,

Mississippi Baptists, won't you go the first, second and third miles and give to the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign in February, the month set aside by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to complete the campaign?

About twenty-four thousand dollars is needed to complete the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign. Won't you give it in February?

Dr. Powhatan W. James has been elected president of Bethel Woman's College at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and will take over his new duties February 1, 1945. For the past eleven years Dr. James has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The 1945 budget of Highland church Meridian, Rev. E. L. Byrd, pastor, totals \$24,000. Twelve thousand is for local expenses, \$7,200 for Cooperative Program projects and \$4,800 for future expansion.

"Just what you and all others must admit is true: that is, there is not, and cannot be, but one scriptural church. I say nothing against the piety and religious deportment of the many Christian denominations, or churches, if you prefer the term; but for a church to be scriptural, it must conform its doctrine and practice to the scriptures. If you grant that any one denomination is strictly scriptural in its faith, practice and organization, you can but admit that all others are unscriptural in proportion as they differ from this one. No two that differ can be equally scriptural. Two opposites cannot be alike, or in the same place."

"I understand you now," said Nannie, "and begin to see that you Baptists are not so illiberal, after all, as you are usually charged of being. You mean that errors in the doctrine and practice of a church do not necessarily destroy its claim to Christianity, but only invalidates its claim to be a scriptural organization; that while a wrong design and a wrong action in baptism may destroy its claim to be a scriptural church, this does not un-Christianize the membership, nor render them unworthy of confidence and respect as Christian people. It is not about whether we are Christian churches or not that the Baptists raise the question, but as to whether we are scriptural churches. Well, that's not so bad. If we are scriptural in our practice and organizations, the Baptists are not, as a matter of course. And I suppose if they are right, we are not; because it is impossible for all denominations to be exactly right and yet differ as they do. To be scriptural is to be right, and to be contrary to scripture is to be wrong. Therefore, somebody is wrong, because there is disagreement. If the Baptists immerse, and the Pedobaptists sprinkle and pour for baptism, one or the other is wrong, sure. Now, both might be wrong—that is possible; but for both to be right is impossible. Then, if the design as to the thing signified in baptism is different, one or the other is mistaken; and if the design of the one is scriptural, that if the other is unscriptural—this is plain. I think this question ought to be settled before there is any more fuss about close communion. But tell me, Mellie, how do you get so many ideas, with some text of scripture always ready to apply as proof?"

"The main reason," replied Mellie, "is that I always think, as well as read."

CRIME CHALLENGES THE CHURCHES

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Crime usually plants its seeds in the mind of a child during the early, formative years. It comes when there is something lacking—parental guidance, wholesome companions, discipline, respect for the rights of others, disregard for parents and constituted authorities, and the lack of emotional stability. The value of the church in filling many of these needs is obvious.

Through experience, we of the FBI have also observed that those who are active in some church are also the people who seem most interested in establishing a genuine "home" for their children. The greatest single factor in crime causation among juveniles today is the disintegration of the American home. In this respect the "home" front is not one-fourth as strong as it should be. Undoubtedly juvenile delinquency will continue to thrive until we are fervently determined to restore the home and the "family unit" to their former position of importance as the fundamental social unit in our national life. We need homes where the children feel inalienably attached to the family circle—a place where questions are answered, sympathy and affection received and frequent family activities promoted which allow expression and participation by every member of the group. We need homes where children learn respect for their parents, respect for law, respect for God and the religious principles which must be perpetuated if America is to survive as a great nation.

In both the church and the home children must be made to understand their individual responsibility for personal conduct. They must gain a personal appreciation of the law of compensation and retribution. Children must be encouraged to acquire sufficient religious conviction to fortify their moral conceptions for later years when negative influences may seek to entice them into bartering their birthright as honest, forthright citizens for sordid careers of corruption and crime.

Of the 1,300,000 major crimes committed last year, 18-year-old boys and girls were guilty of perpetrating more than any other age group. And young Americans of less than voting age accounted for 65 per cent of all the car thefts, 55 per cent of all the burglaries, 39 per cent of all the robberies, 37 per cent of all the sneak thievery, 30 per cent of all the cases involving malicious destruction by fire and 13 per cent of all the murders. The lethargy and apathy of parents and adults who have been directly responsible for young people failing to receive proper religious education or obtain a proper evaluation of the governing principles which have brought the American people to their present position of power and prosperity have also exposed our young people to false philosophies of starry-eyed theorists and the nostrums of Utopian quackery. Failure of American parents to properly instruct their children in the fundamental tenets of their American heritage have permitted many "isms" to thrive like parasites, gnawing at the vitals of the constituted government and destroying the ideals of liberty and "equal opportunity" for which America stands. The only "ism" compatible with the religious and freedom-fostered ideals of the United States is an alert, vigorous, wide-awake Amer-

PROTESTANTS IN THE SOVIET UNION

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of Evangelical Christians and Baptists. Seat of this organization is in Moscow and its chairman is Mikhail Akhimovich Orlov. The Seventh Day Adventists have a council in Moscow, headed by Grigory Andreyevich Grigoriev, to deal with the Soviet committee.

"If the leaders of any religious group," Polyansky declared, "find it necessary to call a conference, to establish ministerial courses, or to obtain special services for the re-opening of churches, synagogues, or mosques, they make application to the government through our council." He stressed that all churches and faiths are treated on an equal basis.

Born in 1898 near Moscow of working class parents, Polyansky is a graduate of a teachers' institute in one of the Ural cities. He subsequently taught there and later headed the Workers' Faculty. During the Civil War he served in the Red army, afterwards becoming a political worker among soldiers.

Polyansky gave Religious News Service an outline of the location of various non-Orthodox church groups in the Soviet Union, but said he was unable to supply accurate membership figures.

"Total membership of the non-Orthodox churches," he declared, "is difficult to determine. Under Soviet law no census, registration, or application for any position whatever nor any state document, may carry a question concerning religious belief. Thus no religious statistics have been kept."

"Exceptions are the Baptists and Seventh Day Adventist sects, which only accept members upon reaching the age of 18, 'when fully conscious of their obligations,' and thus know how many members and followers they have. However, since most of these church members are in localities only recently liberated, no complete statistics exist even among these groups."

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Next month has been designated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as "Complete the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign" month. Won't every church have a part in this? Send a final check to Dr. McCall's office (designated for the Blue Mountain Endowment Campaign) by the last day of February.

"Do you know, Uncle," said little Jane, "that a baby that was fed on elephant's milk gained twenty pounds in a week?" "Nonsense," said Uncle James. "Whose baby was it?" "The elephant's," said the little girl.

Sentry: "Halt! Who goes there?" Voice in the dark: "Cook, with doughnuts for breakfast." Sentry: "Pass cook. Halt doughnuts."

icanism.

It has become imperative that every American arouse himself to the urgent necessity of instituting in each community a wide variety of activities, programs and policies designed to counteract the present trend. Respect for law, personal liberty, life and property must be preached, taught and practiced. There must be a veritable "crusade" against crime. The churches have a vital task in making contact with our youth, in redeeming and restoring the American home, in providing inspirational religious leadership, to make America the law-abiding, God-fearing nation our forefathers designed it to be.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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+ GIRLS' AUXILIARY FOCUS WEEK SPECIAL +

Every activity of 1945 will be silhouetted against the thought of our Southern Baptist Convention Centennial, and Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week will be no exception. February 4-9, 1945, opens invitingly before the members of Girls' Auxiliary as their work for special recognition and particular effort. If your auxiliary has never had a Focus Week you will discover how valuable it will be to set apart these days: you who have memories of happy weeks in previous years are wondering what plans this week offers. Remember the purpose of Focus Week: to build Girls' Auxiliary spirit, esprit de corps, morale, and to give publicity in the church congregation and community to what your Girls' Auxiliary is accomplishing. Busy with mission information Girls' Auxiliary does not have time in its program meetings to discover much about its own organization and going quietly along in its purpose, adults may not realize Girls' Auxiliary's importance unless Focus Week turns attention to its work and worth. Let all your plans keep these two major purposes in mind.

Girls like to know that they belong to the largest denominational organization for teen-aged girls, with 9,312 auxiliaries in Southern Baptist churches and a membership of 108,006. There are Girls' Auxiliaries in Africa and Cuba, in Hawaii, in Argentina, in Chile, and, in normal circumstances, in China, Japan, and Palestine. Girls are climbing the Forward Steps in these other lands also. A few months ago in World Comrades there was a picture of a coronation service in Nigeria and prior to that one in Chile. There will be other pictures from the lands as time goes by. Girls' Auxiliary members are zealous in mission study; they are busy in community missions; they are learning to be faithful stewards. They are girls alert, worth knowing about. So what shall we do this Focus Week?

Sunday's plans invite immediate conference with your pastor to see if he would like to recognize the Girls' Auxiliaries of his church in the worship services somehow. The members of the G. A.'s could sit together in seats reserved by green, white, and gold ribbons and crepe paper. A paragraph in the church bulletin should carry facts about Girls' Auxiliary, in general, and yours, in particular. If the pastor wished, the girls could quote their G. A. Allegiance in unison and sing their Girls' Auxiliary hymn. They might be asked to quote scripture from the Forward Steps as the scripture lesson of the morning. Or if there was time at the morning or evening service, they could give the pantomime of the Girls' Auxiliary hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" (order from W. M. U. Literature Department, price 10c).

Practice so that any public presentation can be well done—scripture quoted clearly and perfectly, allegiance given in distinct form, and pan-

tomime presented without hesitation.

When singing the G. A. hymn, know all the verses without stumbling. Weak spots sound out of keeping with real desire to tell the gospel to all the nations for the story, the song, the message, and the Savior are all described in the hymn in words every G. A. should know beyond question.

Sunday afternoon could be "G. A. Goes Visiting" time. The G. A. promotional leaflet, One Girl Speaks for All Girls, is free from your state headquarters. Take a copy to the girl who has not been enlisted and to her mother. This will help them see the importance of Girls' Auxiliary and reasons for belonging.

Monday will bring the monthly missionary program in many Woman's Missionary Societies. Let the W. M. U. Young People's director arrange for girls to present a part of or the complete missionary program. The girls have the same general topic, but their treatment is different, of course. It would be bestful to let them present the material in their own way. Or they could contribute something to the W. M. S. program without having the full responsibility a story told from World Comrades or impersonation or dramatization. Or if it is circle meeting week in your Woman's Missionary Societies, let groups from the G. A. visit the different circles with some such presentation, or with a program which will tell what Girls' Auxiliary is and does. In such case the girls would quote their Allegiance, tell what their meetings mean to them, describe the work of the Forward Steps by relating and demonstrating their requirements. It would be an admirable plan to let the women in society or circle meeting know more about World Comrades so that mothers could have opportunity to subscribe for daughters and the society could be sure that every girl had her own subscription to the magazine.

The G. A.'s could work up a brief skit about their magazine for this purpose.

It is not too early to mention G. A. camp next summer so that Woman's Missionary Societies will be ready to help send girls when the time comes.

Monday being devoted to the W. M. S., Tuesday would be a good time for a study of G. A. Manual, for a mission study class, or for initiation of any new members who have been waiting for this impressive service.

Wednesday all the G. A.'s will be attending prayer meeting, and no doubt will be asked to take some part in the service. A program from World Comrades could be presented; the pantomime of the Girls' Auxiliary hymn could be given, if it was not used on Sunday; there are other plays available from W. M. U. Literature Department in Birmingham; this could be occasion for an impressive coronation service.

Thursday can well be community missions day. What needs to be done in your community? Is there a shut-in

who needs a sunny visit from G. A.'s? A lonely family whose sons or daughters are away in the armed service, who would be so grateful for your coming? Is there a group of Negro children to whom you could tell some thrilling mission stories and teach some merry games? Could you do some spring cleaning in your church? Maybe the Primary or Beginners' room needs curtains washed and replaced? Or the church garden planted to have flowers for the pulpit in time? What does need to be done in your community?

A pleasant thing for you to do that could mean a great deal, but would not be community missions, would be the following suggestions: Valentines for Japanese Americans. You could make very pretty ones of paper lace doilies and flowers and birds and hearts and a scripture verse about God's love. Remember how exquisitely artistic their inheritance of beauty is, so be as dainty as possible in your work, too. Coming into the center these would bring a friendly breath across the barbed wire and help the Japanese Americans to know we love them all and want them to be our friends in Christ.

Friday can wind up the week with more kinds of happiness for girls. Perhaps an associational or city-wide gathering with a missionary as guest or a speaker bringing a missionary message; perhaps a lovely coronation service with state leader or special person present to make the awards; perhaps the girls could give a Centennial party for the Women's Missionary Society members. The latter would be the best plan with delightful quaint possibilities. At least some A. A.'s, if not all, should dress in 1845 costumes. It will be fun looking up in encyclopedias to see how to dress, and to discover what games to play and what songs to sing.

Remember that sleeves were long and tight, wide skirts entirely hid the feet and bodices were high at the neck. Get out a picture of great grandmother and see how she dressed for a party. Some songs that were likely sung in 1845 are: Darling Nellie Gray, Annie Laurie, The Last Rose of Summer, O Susanna, Comin' Through the Rye. Look these up and be ready to let all join in singing them.

Thimble, thimble or button, button, who's got the button? would be likely games. All sit in a circle with hands together, palms touching and one person holds a thimble or button in her hands similarly placed. She goes from one to the next, putting her hands in the hands of each as if she were secretly hiding the button. She must be careful not to show by hesitating or change of motion when she does drop the button. When she has completed the circle, everyone begins to guess whose hands now hold the button. When the right guess is made, the person who has it, will be the next to hide it.

The needle's eye is a singing game

much like London bridge which was probably also played one hundred years ago. Someone will recall the melody for

The needle's eye
That doth supply
The thread that runs so truly,
Many a beau
Have I let go

Because I wanted you.

Two hold hands up making needle's "eye" while another leads her line as "thread" through until the last line of the song when lowered hands "catch the beau."

Spin the plate is another likely game. Then there is pin the tail on a horse, and whoops, my dear. In playing whoops, my dear, wind two or more hoops with a different standard color. Make bean bags of the same color for each hoop. This game is played by two or more files of five or six players each. In front of each file, station a player who holds the hoop in a vertical position and to his right, shoulder high. Two players, one for scorekeeper, the other to return bean bags to the place from which they are to be thrown, stand a little to the back of player who is holding hoop. Upon a given signal the first player in a file throws his bean bag, endeavoring to pass it through the hoop. If successful, he scores one point for his line. The bean bag is returned to the second person in the file who at a signal throws it through the hoops if possible. The file scoring the greatest number of points wins.

Decorations for the party should be dainty with lavender and pink paper and figurines and lace doilies, with delicate tea and tea cakes for refreshments.

An 1845 tea party can be a charming affair, see? And your Girls' Auxiliary can lead in this happy recognition of the centennial. Focus Week will be right up to the minutes with these "specials" put into action.

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week

You wonder what Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week has to do with Young Woman's Auxiliary? Some day you want those girls to promote into YWA and now you want to help them promote their Girls' Auxiliary so the friendliest emphasis you can give to them during their Focus Week, the wisest your course will be. Talk with the Girls' Auxiliary counselor about the plans the girls are making; where can you fit in and help? Are they planning a coronation service? Then wouldn't your YWA do the decorating, and mimeograph special programs attractively? Or supply arm bands and emblems as awards? Are they planning a "function" of some sort?—a mother-daughter banquet or reception perhaps? You could serve for them; you could fix the favors; you could decorate—you know what a big sister does to make an affair a success when younger sister is trying to do something extra in the home: then do

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+ INTO ALL THE WORLD +

CHARLES E. MADDY, Executive Secretary

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One of our American soldiers now in Italy wrote Dr. Sadler: "When I was in Rome, I visited the great and beautiful cathedrals with their priceless paintings, sculptured marble, bronze and stone statues, and other works of art. I couldn't help but think of Paul's words, 'God dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshiped with men's hands as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.' I wondered if there was any one in this great city who knew God in truth and spirit. I found my answer at the Baptist church of which Brother Veneziano is pastor. I had a wonderful visit with him and his family and congregation. Also, it was my pleasure and privilege to attend Sunday services and hear the Word of Life proclaimed in Italian, and translated into English for the British, Canadians and Americans present. The Baptist Missionary Board is doing a great work. Yes, heaven and earth may pass away, but not the Word of God—not even in Rome."

The Foreign Mission Conference in Toronto was attended by four representatives of Southern Baptists: M. T. Rankin, George W. Sadler and E. C. Routh, of Richmond, and John L. Slaughter of Birmingham. Our Foreign Mission Board has through the years found most helpful its relationship with this organization. In these days of governmental restrictions there are problems relating to passports, transportations, etc., which cannot be worked out by one board alone. The Foreign Missions Conference is simply what its name implies, a conference, and has no legislative functions. Questions of organic union do not come within its scope. It endeavors by earnest inquiry to find, in the light of the experiences of the various missionary boards and agencies, the most effective methods in missionary service. To quote from its constitution: "Being a purely voluntary association of Boards, neither it nor any of its parts has authority to commit boards to any position, policy, or course of action, except as such boards may request or authorize the Conference so to act, and then only within the bounds of such request or authority." One of the addresses at the Toronto Conference was given by Secretary M. T. Rankin on the vital question of evangelism, the major theme of the meeting. The evangelistic spirit, passion and purpose should project and maintain every missionary endeavor.

Our missionaries who are still in the Orient are: B. L. Nichols, G. W. Strother, John Abernathy, J. B. Hipps, Lorene Tilford, Wilma Weeks, William L. Wallace, Lucy Wright and Lenora Scarlett in Free China; J. L. Galloway and Mrs. Galloway and Lora Clement in Macao, and H. H. Culpepper and Mrs. Culpepper, R. A. Dyer and Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Rufus Gray and Billy Gray, Fern Harrington and Cleo Morrison in Baguio (Philippines); and Elizabeth Hale in Shanghai. At last report Thelma Williams was in India. Lucy Wright en route to Kausu province was taken ill and cablegram January 1, from Chengtu stated "Lucy Wright operation suphrenic abscess

drained condition good." M. W. Rankin, Ruth Pettigrew, Jessie Green and Auris Pender are returning to America. It is presumed that since all of our missionaries have been driven out of the South China Mission in recent weeks, they are unable to work in the Chungking area where the Mandarin and not the Cantonese and Hakka dialects are spoken. We are hoping to hear any day that the eight in the Philippines will be liberated as Baguio is only about forty miles from Lingayan beach where General MacArthur's troops landed in the invasion of Luzon.

Plans are under way for the establishing of a Bible Institute in Colombia. This will likewise serve as a possible future training center for workers from Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru. Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, a newly appointed couple, have arrived in Colombia.

Dr. J. L. Hart is in the United States for medical treatment. Dr. Hart and Dr. S. M. Sowell were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina. Due to a shortage of missionaries in Santiago, Rev. and Mrs. John Parker have moved from Talca to the capital of Chile. There is a desperate need for two new couples for Chile.

The following word comes from Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Allen of Rio, who have recently arrived in this country for their furlough year: "After the publication, late in 1943, of the New Testament in the simplified Portuguese spelling, sales of New Testaments skyrocketed and our Rio Publishing House has not been able to keep up with the demand. All too long we had been rationed in our distribution of Bibles and New Testaments, for the Bible societies just couldn't fill the orders. The whole Bible in the new spelling came off the press in October, 1944, and the only check to its sale is the shortage of material and of workers in the binding department. The Bible Press is now working on a new translation of the Bible into Portuguese, to be incorporated first into a student's Bible, non-existent in Portuguese, and greatly needed for our constituency."

Among the new missionaries who have arrived in South America are: Ruby Hines, J. B. Underwood and Mrs. Underwood to Brazil (little Judith Eileen Underwood, weight seven pounds, arrived Christmas day). Dorine Hawkins will soon leave for Brazil; permits and passports have been granted.

Mrs. D. P. Appleby, A. B. Christie and Mrs. Christie, and Mildred Cox returned to Brazil early in January.

Five new missionaries to Africa have arrived in Nigeria; Portor Ingram and Mrs. Ingram, Rees Watkins, Frances Hammett and Annie Rines.

The Foreign Mission Board voted at the January meeting to call to Richmond fifty missionary candidates for examination and appointment at the April meeting.

John Allen Moore and Mrs. Moore

and John D. Hugney, Jr., are overseas in Egypt ministering to several thousand Yugoslavian refugees near Cairo. The prospect is good for permission to be granted to W. Dewey Moore to work in Italy at least for a limited time.

Dr. Sadler attended recently a meeting in New York of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. Dr. A. L. Warnshuis reported tragic conditions in Europe. For example, in one region in Britain only five out of 395 churches are undamaged; 50 Baptist church buildings have been totally destroyed and 390 have been damaged. We hope that before long the way will open for us to send clothing to Italy and later to other lands, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania in which Southern Baptist missionaries have been laboring.

Dr. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson and their son, Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Raymon Brothers, missionaries to Nigeria, arrived in Miami a few days ago for a greatly needed furlough in America.

One of the greatest evangelistic opportunities in the world is the physical and spiritual ministry to six million prisoners of war. Soon the number will be nearer ten million. The American Bible Society is cooperating with the various mission boards in supplying copies of the Scriptures to these prisoners.

American Christians have a unique opportunity in China today.... Christians in America have a great chance—perhaps their last great one—to strengthen that friendship.... Within the next few years China's direction may be determined for generations to come. The chaos created by the war, the titanic waves of population which are mingling the people of all parts of China, the dream and plans for a new China now taking shape, the large number of Chinese technicians who are coming to America and other countries for advanced training—these and other factors make it inevitable that within a few years China's probable direction for half a century will be determined. We must move soon and effectively, if our help is to mean the utmost.—Arthur J. Moore in China After Chaos.

The Catholic Digest publishes an abstract of an article in Liberty on "U. S. Diplomacy and the Vatican." The author is of the opinion that Vatican-American relations are growing closer instead of drifting apart. He points out the possibility that the preliminary peace negotiations will be held on the grounds of the Vatican. Meanwhile questions remain unanswered concerning the presence at the Vatican of Mr. Myron C. Taylor with the rank of ambassador. In a letter to U. S. Senator Tom Connally, the new secretary of state revealed his impatience with Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta for his persistent inquiry concerning the amount of money which the government is expending in connection with Mr. Taylor's mission to the Vatican. Multitudes of evangelical Christians are gravely concerned over the close relations existing between the present administration and the Pope at Rome.



HOME ON LEAVE

Jasper C. Smith, electrician's mate, 2c, is home for a thirty day leave from the South Pacific. Before entering the service two and a half years ago he worked at the Capitol National Bank and also attended Millsaps College.

Seaman Smith (now a member of Calvary church, Jackson), is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Smith, formerly of Jackson, but now of Brandon. A sister, Mrs. J. W. Davis, lives at 352 Wacaster street, Jackson. A brother, Rev. J. B. Smith of Hollandale, has been sending The Baptist Record to him.

In writing to his family he reported that prayer services were held twice daily aboard his ship.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

(Continued from Page Six)

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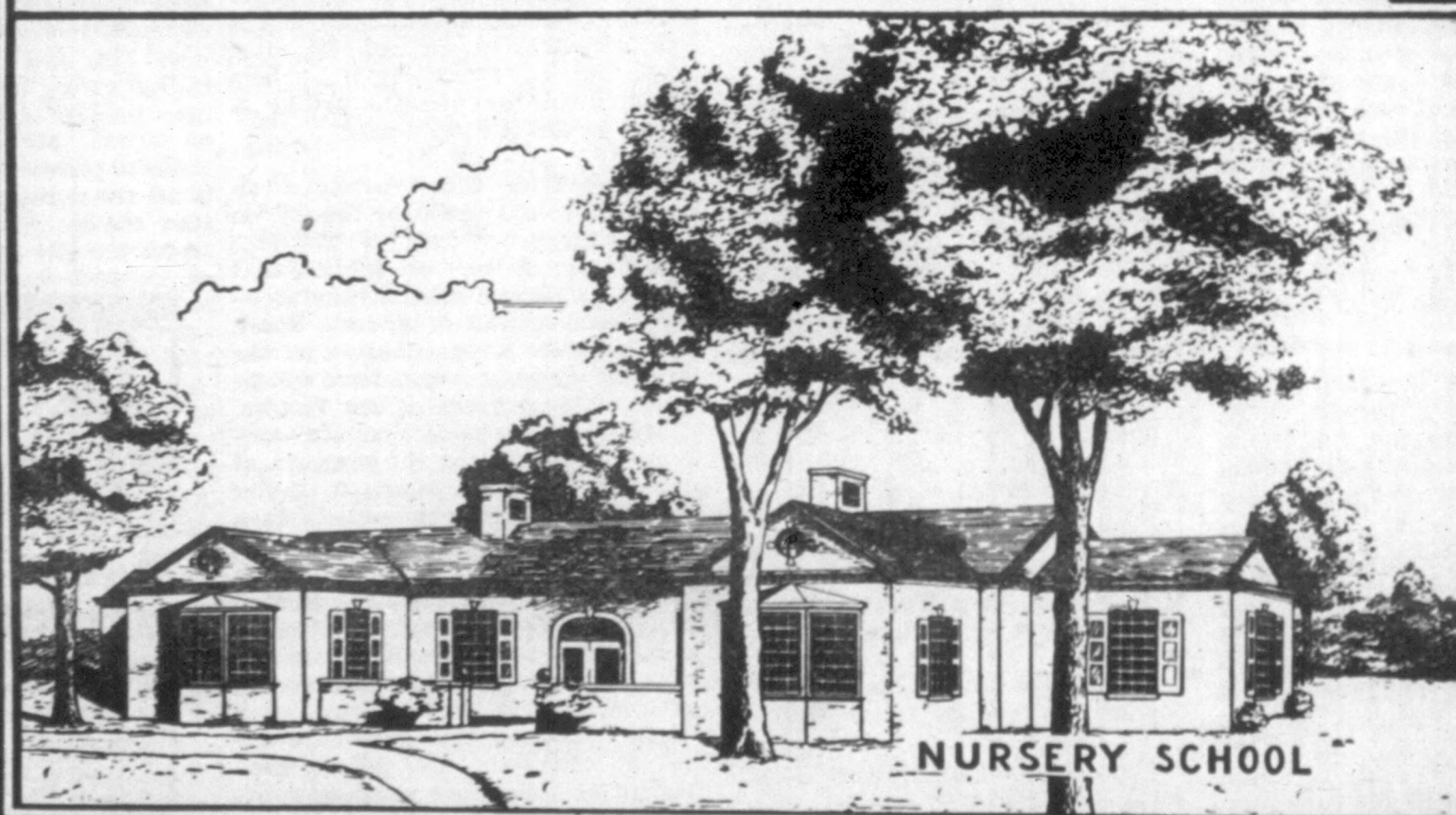
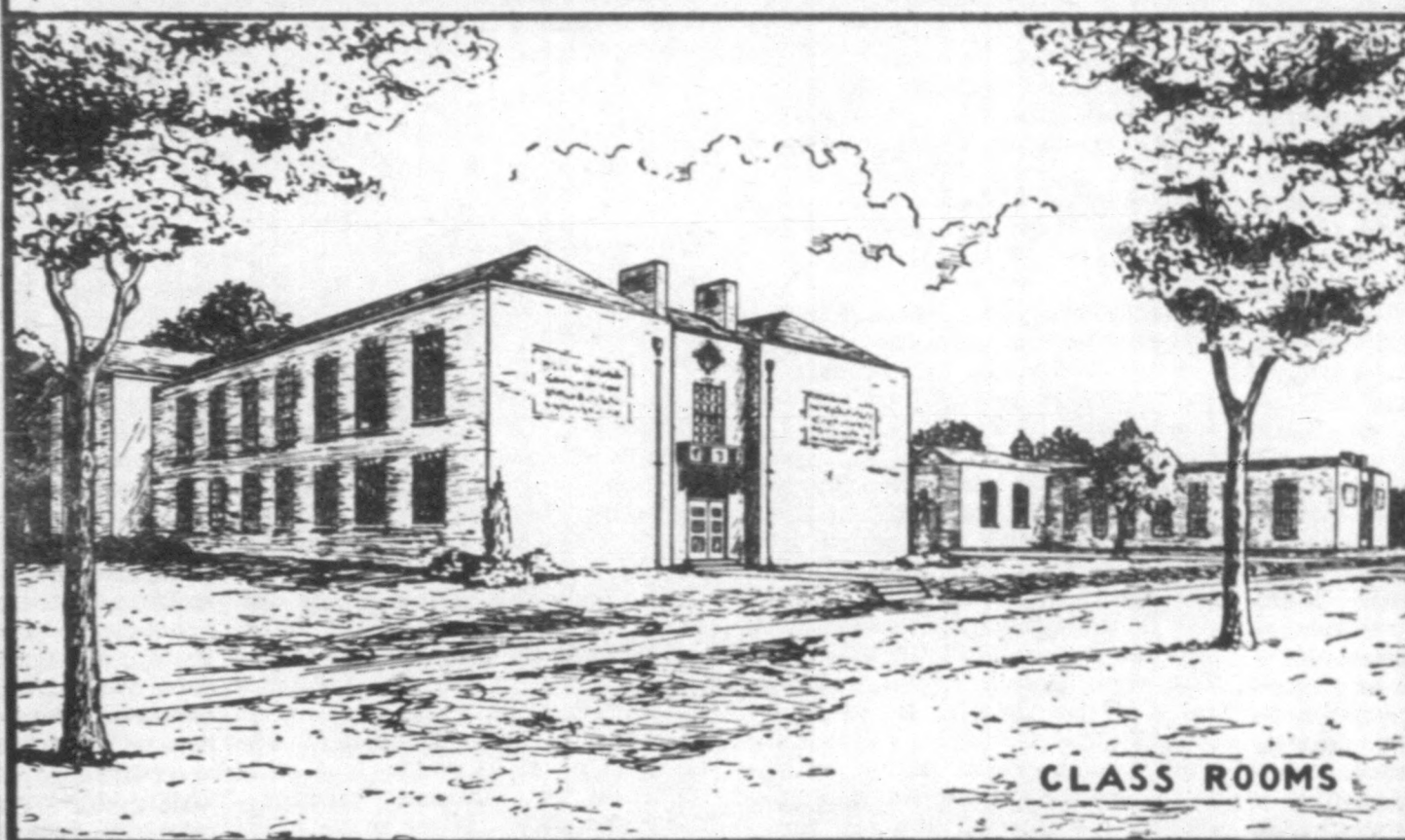
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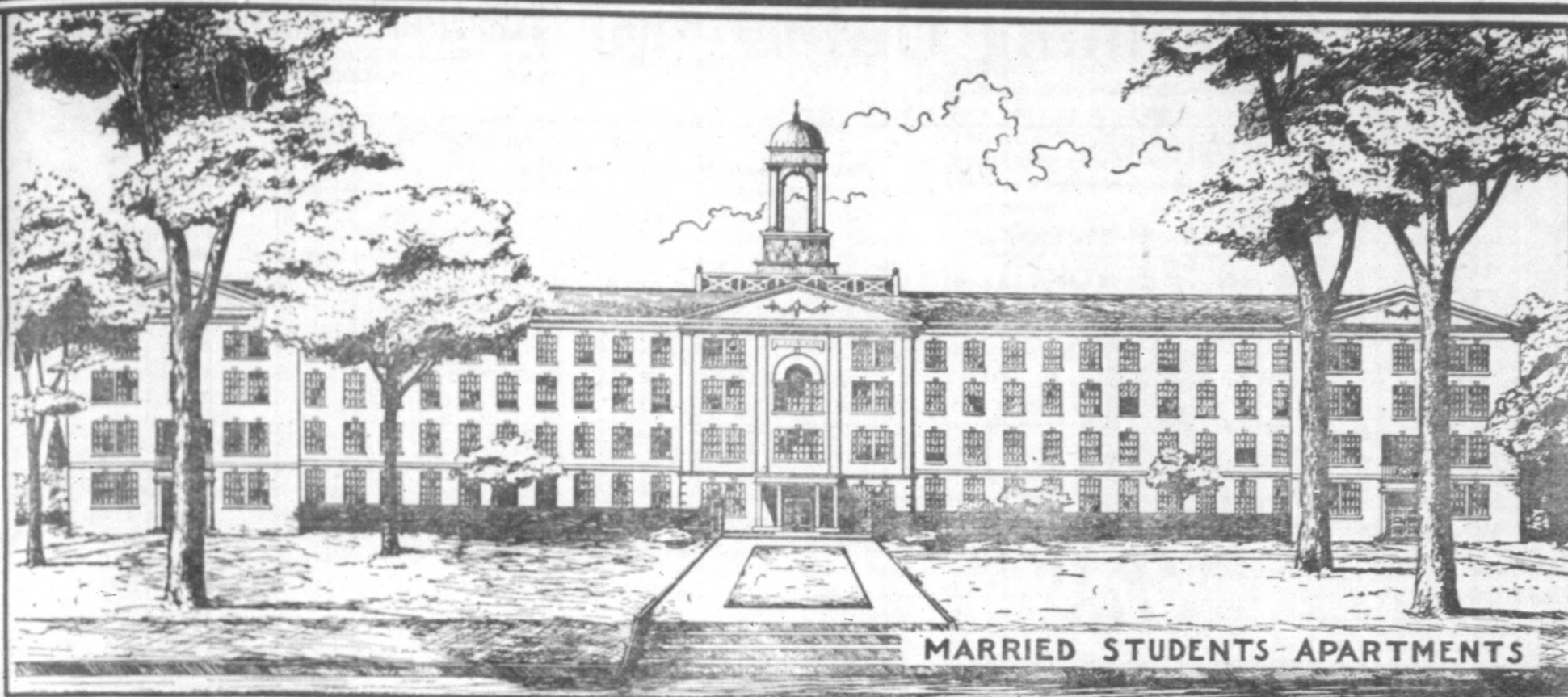
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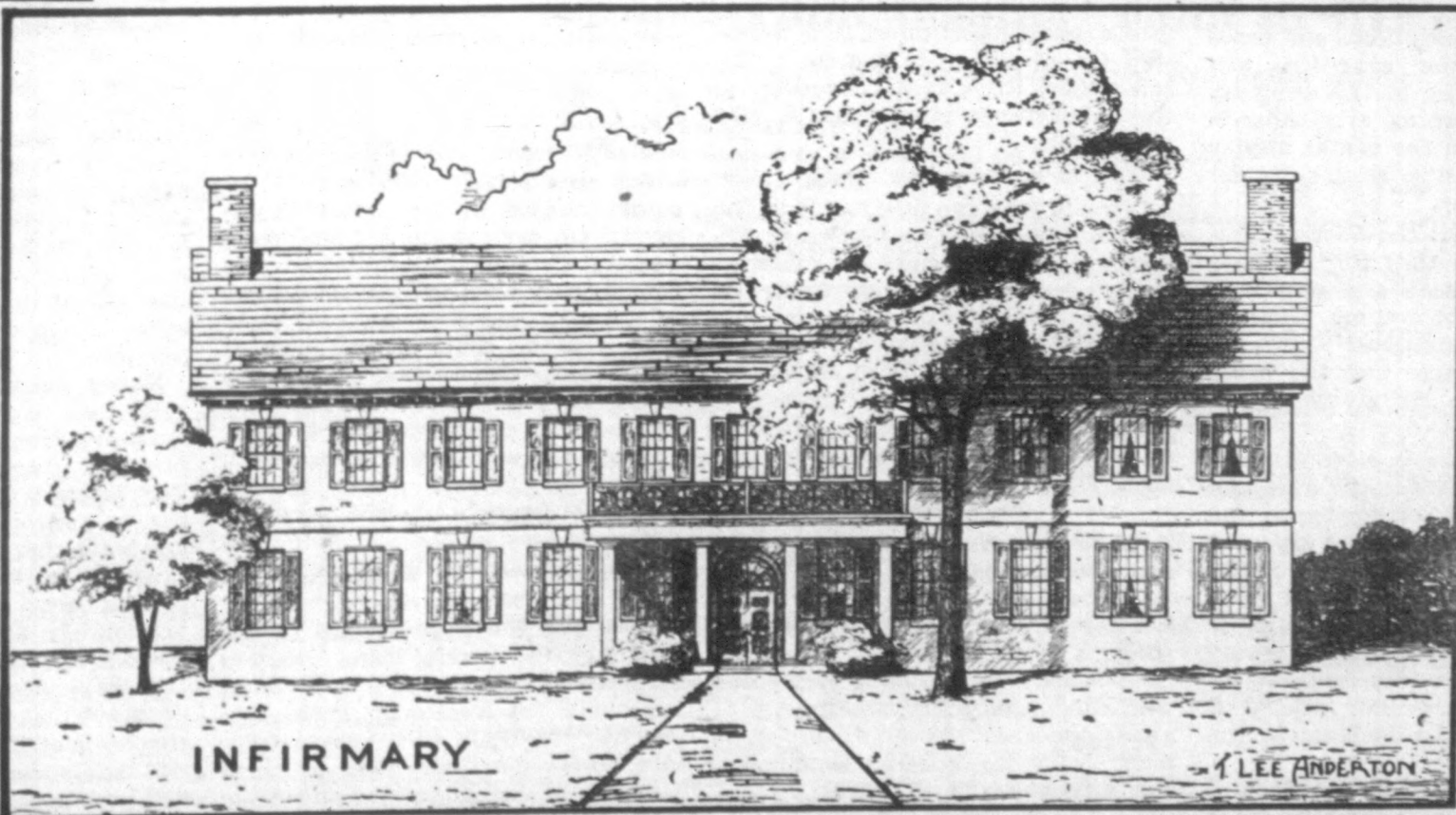
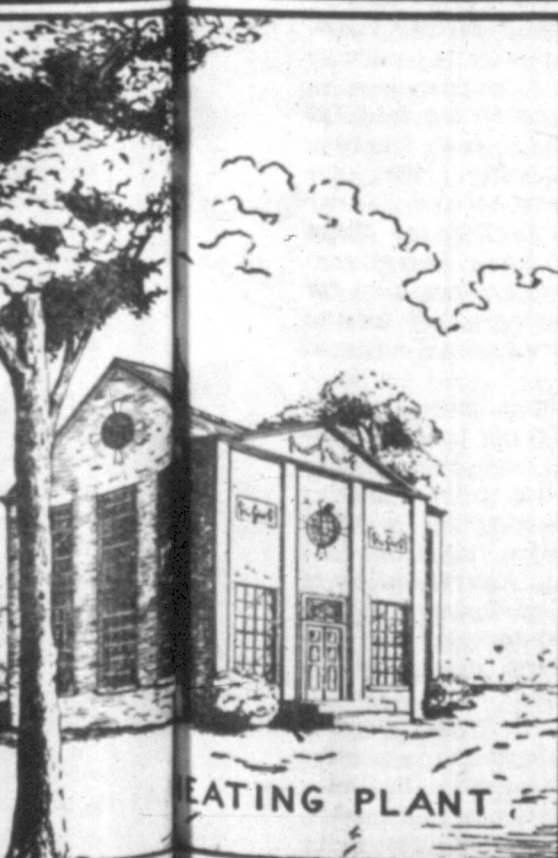
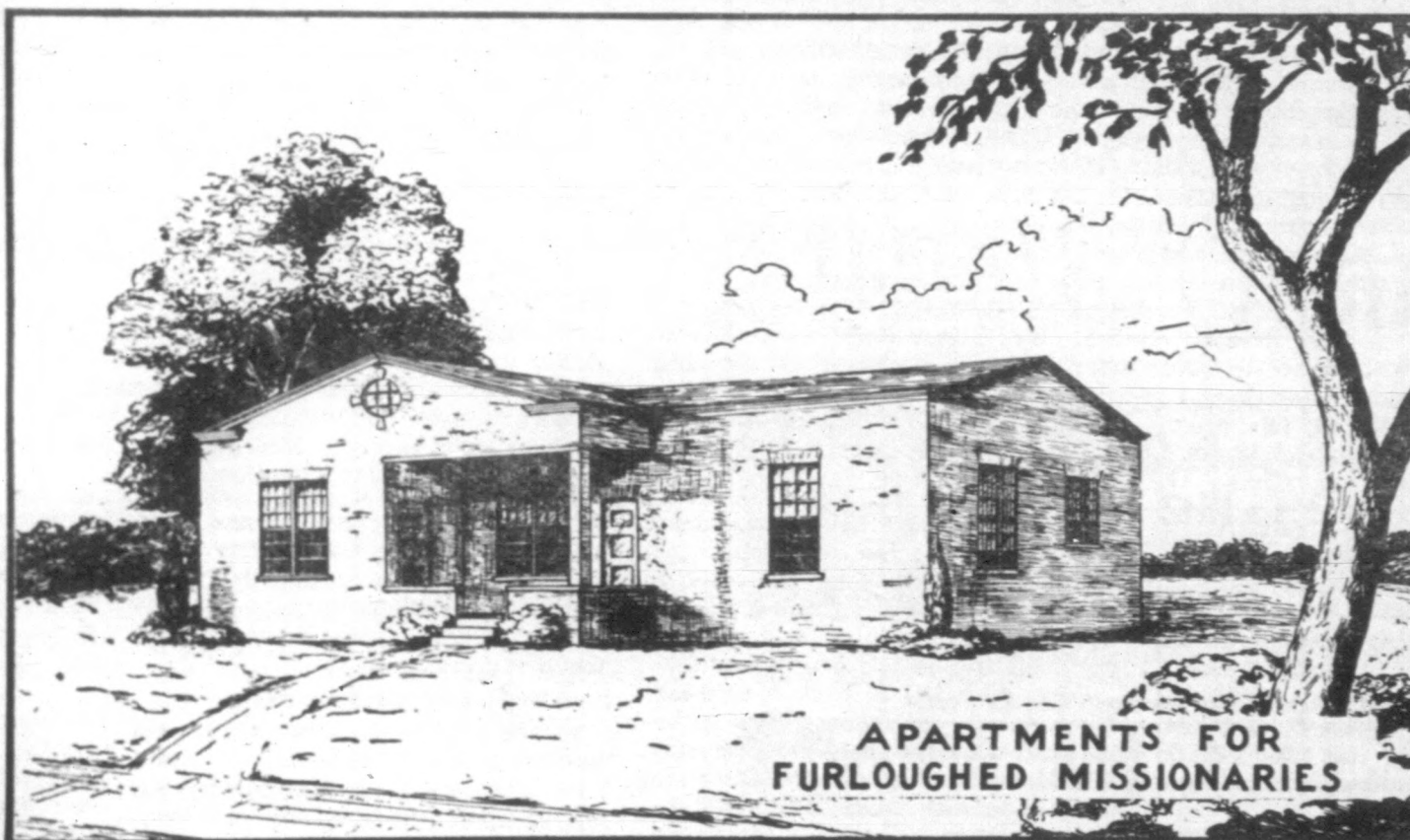
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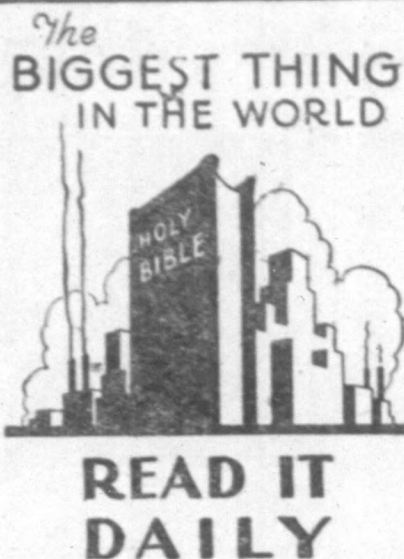
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BAPTIST PRINCIPLES FOR A BETTER WORLD

Our general theme for this year is "Baptist Principles for a Better World." Our principles are Bible principles. Our basic doctrine is, "The Bible is an all-sufficient rule for our faith and practice. Out of this doctrine come all the doctrines we hold dear. Baptists should be a Bible reading people. We have a wonderful library of books explaining our interpretation of the Word, but all these quote and refer us to the Word itself. We have no substitute for it. Leaders will do well this year to lay much emphasis on daily Bible reading. Why not strike for a 100% record? Seek to enlist EVERY member in this vital activity. Habits are formed early in life. Last week you will remember we suggested the use of our study course books on the Bible for the March study courses. Begin now to plan for that. Order the books early, even now, select the teachers. Make it the best study course you have had.



GEORGE REPORTS ON ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Associational Director F. G. Wilborn writes an encouraging word about the associational wide enlargement campaign held the first week in December. All five churches in the association cooperated, and all had one or two outside workers. Brother Wilborn says that interest has improved in all the churches. He expresses appreciation for the fine work the visiting workers did, Rev. and Mrs. S. M. "Happy" White, Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Holloway, Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, Rev. B. S. Hilbun and Miss Louise Hill. Brother Wilborn says, "The odds were against us, heavy rains, etc. But it was proved that a campaign can be held in spite of all handicaps. We are grateful for the loyalty of so many local workers in each church. We cannot forget to thank the several churches who loaned us books after we found we could not get them at the Book Store. The workers had supper together on the last evening; this was a period of good fellowship." We are happy to pass this good word on. A number of our associational directors will be planning an enlargement campaign for this year.

A REPORT TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

By Ellis A. Fuller

After two years as president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary I am ready to make a statement in the form of a report to Southern Baptists, for whom the trustees and the faculty are administering and operating the seminary.

Southern Baptists have a right to know the facts. This is based, not upon anticipated conditions and needs tomorrow, but upon conditions and needs as they exist in the seminary today. In other words, everything in this article and in the center display carried in this issue relates to our actual needs today.

I find throughout the South a prevailing conviction that the seminary is a small institution and that it is rich and in need of nothing. Both of these views are erroneous. Our seminary family is large and the needs of the institution are urgent, many, and sizeable.

The seminary family, including single students, married students and their families, and the employees and their families, constitute a group of 1,418 people. Our immediate needs, for this group already at the seminary, call for more classrooms, more dormitory space, an infirmary, a new heating plant, a nursery and kindergarten, apartments for furloughed missionaries, and an increase in the size of the faculty.

More Classrooms

We have approximately 900 students enrolled for study in our classrooms.

We have only four major classrooms. We have divided the classes into just as many sections as we can teach in the rooms we have, beginning at eight o'clock in the morning and continuing until five in the afternoon.

Forty members in a class is recognized by our university system as being the maximum for any one teacher. But after dividing our classes we still have some with from 150 to 175 students in them.

The four classrooms we have open into a small hall. Since it is necessary for all classes to dismiss at the same time, there is a congestion in the hall between classes that is very undesirable.

More Dormitory Space

It would take two new buildings the size of Mullins Hall to furnish apartments upon the campus for the married students who are now living out in town at great expense, inconvenience, and loss of fellowship with the other students. The total amount of the rent these students are paying for living quarters is almost twice as much as the total amount of our income from our endowment.

An Infirmary

Today we have six single rooms set apart for use as an infirmary. Only single men are allowed to use them. We have no way of isolating married students or their wives or their children when they become afflicted with contagious diseases. In cases of an epidemic of any kind, the seminary, with its present equipment, would be absolutely helpless.

The Heating Plant

The boilers we now have have been

"M" Day means mobilization day. All over the south, in each of the 918 associations, and in Mississippi 70 associations, a special program is being suggested. This program will be for the strengthening of the morale of our "soldiers," the strengthening of our forces, the mobilizing of our interests, and the setting out on a victorious campaign for the training of all new and old recruits in the Baptist ranks. You will cooperate as pastor, director, leader, and individual member, in making the meeting in your association as meaningful as possible. Back your associational director in this "M" Day program.

THREE DAYS OF PREPARATION: For "M" Day there are some preparations necessary. We are asking EVERY associational officer who possibly can to attend a "training meeting" four weeks before "M" Day. For convenience to all we are having three meetings, March 26, Columbia; March 27, First Canton; March 28, Oxford. Associational officers will go to the meeting most convenient to them. We will allow 2c per mile per car for each mile traveled that brings these associational officers to one of these meetings. In the few associations that are not now organized we greatly desire representatives at one of these meetings. Our GOAL is EVERY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTED, and EVERY ASSOCIATION CO-OPERATING BY HOLDING THE MEETING ON APRIL 24th.

CLARKE COLLEGE EMPHASIZES DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

In the regular college course at Clarke College the method books in each of the denominational departments are used as a regular part of the college curriculum, several weeks being given to each department. Last week a course in the Training Union Manual was taught. It was the pleasure of the State Training Union Department to have one of the state workers to teach the course. Miss Louise Hill was the teacher and had an average attendance each morning of more than sixty. Through the year the Sunday school, W. M. U. and Training Union will be recognized, and plans are in working to make this course cover missions, state, home and foreign.

JACKSON FIRST HAS SPECIAL COURSE FOR B. Y. P. U.

Twenty five young people enrolled in the special study course arranged for them the week of January 8-12 at First church, Jackson. They studied Senior B. Y. P. U. Administration, and it was the pleasure of your state secretary to teach it. An interesting thing about the class was that these young people represented sixteen different associations. Some of them were college students, others had recently come to Jackson to work. It was an interesting class in every respect. Mrs. Johnnie Love Myers, the department director, is greatly loved by this fine group.

repaired so often that our next step will be to replace them, even if we should not add any new buildings. With the new buildings added, the present heating plant would be altogether inadequate.

The Nursery and Kindergarten

If our entire student body were housed upon our campus, we would have approximately 200 children on the campus, the majority of whom would be of the pre-school age. A nursery and a kindergarten and a well-equipped playground would make it possible for us to render a distinct and exceedingly valuable service to these children, especially since our apartments and dormitories are small.

But even a larger service would be made possible by this extra equipment. On our campus are 285 young women, wives of our ministerial students. They need to avail themselves of the privileges and opportunities of study. If we could relieve them of the responsibility of their children for a few hours each day, they could keep abreast with their husbands in their cultural and intellectual development. This would mean much to the churches these men will serve as pastors.

Apartments for Furloughed Missionaries

It is not the responsibility of the seminary to provide living quarters for the missionaries while they are on furlough. Yet, since many of them do not have homes of their own and desire to spend their year at home studying in our classrooms and doing research in our library, we would render great service to them and to the provide for them.

missionary enterprise if we should provide living quarters for them. Their presence on the campus would be an added influence upon our students and faculty for missionary zeal.

Increase in Size of Faculty

At present we have only twelve members of the faculty, responsible for the teaching of approximately 900 students. This means that we have one faculty member for every 75 students.

Recently I spoke in a great university which had ninety faculty members and 117 graduates in its academic procession. Last commencement in our academic procession we had 120 graduates and only ten teaching members of the faculty. We have added two members to the faculty since then. Southern Baptists ought to know, they must know, how urgent is our need for more teachers, not for the sake of the seminary, but for the sake of our entire denominational program.

Money for buildings must be provided from sources other than the Co-operative Program, since it makes no provision for capital improvements. The amount of money for maintenance and operation must be increased either from the Co-operative Program or from endowment. The present general endowment of approximately \$1,750,000 should be increased to \$5,000,000.

Global conquest in Christ's name demands that Southern Baptists meet the needs of their seminary. Posterity will testify that these needs, if unmet, will have cost Southern Baptists twice as much as it would have cost to

Sunday School Department

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CHURCH BUILDINGS

Through the kindness of the Department of Church Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board, we have secured mats for different type buildings.

Many churches are planning to build as soon as possible, and care needs to be exercised in order to get what is needed.

The Sunday School Board is eager to aid in every way possible in providing better church buildings.

Your state director of evangelism attended the south-wide meeting of state directors in Memphis. This conference was highly inspirational and informative. Many ideas came from all over the south. People everywhere seem to be receiving the opportunities offered in the Centennial Crusade with unbounded enthusiasm. Plans are being made in most states for branch Vacation Bible schools, and revivals in tents, houses, schoolhouses, brush arbors, by log fires, at picnics, and at house parties. Personal soul winning is to be done by Christians on the planes, buses, trains, and in the stores, shops, offices, and on the farms. B. S. U. students are to be utilized in church and associational campaigns. Many state directors openly stated that they would reach their quotas. Mississippi will not lag behind. God help us to do our best. —W. A. Bell, state director of evangelism.

Rev. James A. Dollahite, formerly of Liberty church, Leake county, has been elected president of the Ministerial Union of Clarke College. The new president is 40 years of age, is married and has six children. Until recently he was a farmer.—Reporter.

The above church building is the "A-101." It is one of the plans designed by the Sunday School Board for small churches. It has a Sunday school capacity of 100, distributed as follows: Nursery 4, Beginners 6, Primaries 10, Juniors 15, Intermediates 15, Young People 18, Adults 32.

The auditorium will seat 225 with this schedule: Auditorium 84, choir 16, side rooms 70, rear rooms 30, extra chairs 25.

The architectural department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Mr. W. A. Harrell, secretary, is putting forth great effort to aid churches to get the very best in the way of buildings.

Other designs will be presented from time to time in The Baptist Record.

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FAIR WARNING

That wizard with figures, E. P. Alldredge, claims that Baptists have in the South 25,790 churches. He says that 1,884 of these churches have no houses of worship at all, and that at least 12,000 of our best church houses are in desperate need of repairs or enlargement.

My observation bears out this latter statement. Churches everywhere are laying aside cash and war bonds against the time when priorities shall have lifted on building material so they may build.

These churches waited on needed improvements through the long depression years, and then came the war emergency and prolonged the wait. When the way is open, there is going to be the greatest church building program ever known over the whole South.

When this church building program gets under way, it is sure to affect the gifts of these churches to outside causes. Our denominational boards and institutions had better keep their commitments well in hand, so that retrenchment will not prove ruinous. The people are going to demand retrenchment in lieu of debt next time. Fair warning.—Observer.

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State's religious leaders who participated in the mid-winter meeting of the Mississippi Rural Life Council held in Jackson, Mississippi, December 1944. Reading from left to right: Dr. G. T. Gillespie, president of Belhaven College, Jackson; Dr. Bert R. John-

son, pastor, First Christian Church, Jackson; Most Reverend R. O. Gerow, bishop of the Natchez Diocese, Natchez; Governor Thomas L. Bailey, president of the Mississippi Rural Life Council; Dr. L. O. Todd, vice-president of the council and president

of East Central Junior College, Decatur; Bishop J. L. Decell, Jackson area of the Methodist church; Rev. S. E. Sumrall, pastor Bay Springs Baptist Church, Bay Springs, Miss., and Rev. A. L. Goodrich, editor of The Baptist Record, Jackson.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE FACES GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

The four new faculty members at Mississippi College are proving to be valuable assets. Professor Ellis Neece Elsey came in November as head of Voice Department and is also Minister of Music in Clinton Baptist Church. He is proving to be the right man in the right place. His two glee clubs, the mixed chorus, and the quartets will soon be ready to accept invitations and render service in churches and schools. The band has also gotten off to a good start.

The college was also fortunate in being able to secure the services of Miss Jemmie Vardaman, who has been teaching piano in Cincinnati Conservatory for a number of years. She is helping to make Mississippi College a music center. Students are fortunate in being able to get lessons under such a wonderful teacher.

Two grand pianos have just been added to the music equipment. A concert by the glee clubs and mixed chorus is scheduled for February 15 and others will follow featuring glee clubs, band and private pupils.

The new dean of women, Mrs. Grace Medlin Elsey, is proving popular and efficient. She has already won the love and respect of the students and they are responding and co-operating in a remarkable way.

Mr. J. A. Travis has just begun his work as assistant to the president in charge of public relations. He is laying plans for the Mississippi College Enlargement Program and is getting hearty co-operation. Plans are being worked out for modern dormitory facilities for the girls, for an Administration Building, for better care of the boys, and for a big increase in enrollment.

We are encouraged to believe that the enrollment at Mississippi College can be doubled within a year through the loyalty and co-operation of alumni, students and friends. Let's adopt the motto "Every one win one."

The Endowment Enlargement will also be featured soon.

Mississippi College faces the greatest opportunities in her long history. Let every Baptist help in developing Greater Mississippi College and in

FAVORITISM CHARGED IN AMG

A shocking story has come out of Italy to the effect that members of the Evangelical churches, in dire need of food and clothes, cannot be helped by the Allied Military Government (AMG) because the AMG has no authority to help them. We quote from the publication of the First Italian Baptist Church of Philadelphia:

"We have been informed from reliable sources that such conditions exist. We quote: 'The Allied Military Government has no authority to help (the Evangelical churches), they are allowed to extend assistance only to the "Established" Church.' Such a situation demands our immediate action."

As a result of this report the Italian Ministerial Association of Greater New York has appointed an interdenominational committee known as the National Evangelical Committee for Relief in Italy with headquarters at 395 Broome street, New York 2, N. Y. Rev. Joseph Brunn is chairman of the committee.

"Established" church favoritism in the Allied Military Government surely is not the American way. When churches have been destroyed, congregations scattered, families separated and women and children made hungry and destitute, relief at once is necessary and the blame for an "Established" church policy can be placed after suffering has been relieved. Perhaps the "Established" church policy may even be changed.—Scottish Rite News Bulletin.

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making it worthy of the reputation it has for training great Christian leadership.—M. P. L. Berry.

DR. C. S. HENDERSON RESIGNS GREENVILLE PASTORATE

Dr. C. S. Henderson has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenville, Mississippi, to accept a call to a newly organized church to be located in the eastern part of Greenville.

Dr. Henderson first came to Greenville in 1926, left in 1934 and after serving as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., for seven years was called back to Greenville in January 1942. During these three years under his leadership nearly \$90,000 was paid into the church, more than 450 new members were received and the general progress of the church was at an all-time high record. During the immediate past three years there were 101 baptisms, 131 came by letter and \$39,000 was paid into the treasury and a record was broken in amount paid to missions. During this term the church became clear of debt for the first time in more than 20 years.

Next month has been designated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as "Complete the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign" month. Won't every church have a part in this? Send a final check to Dr. McCall's office (designated for the Blue Mountain Endowment Campaign) by the last day of February.

Lumberton: Lottie Moon Christmas Week of Prayer offering was \$105. Gift to Baptist Hospital fund this week, \$200. December tithes and offerings, \$946.73. Fine Board of Deacons, an excellent Woman's Missionary Society. Pastor goes to Ohio to be with Brother V. W. Malley in a meeting Feb. 4. Hope to put both Home and Foreign Missions magazines in the budget soon. Aside from our own enlarged Vacation Bible school, we plan at least one for our Negro brethren soon after the school term. Planning two revival meetings for the year. Also plan to participate in association-wide School of Missions in the fall. With the leadership of Missionary R. C. Woodham, two needy preaching points are being opened. They will both result in fine Sunday schools.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. In Deuteronomy 25:4, we read: "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." If your class asked its meaning, how would you answer them?

2. A privately addressed letter to Philemon was not really private. How would you explain the non-privacy of this letter?

3. The grape vine and its production of wine were known in early times. Grape vines were known in Canaan and Egypt. By whom was wine manufacture established?

4. In early time the burning of the Yule logs on the hearth was considered as a sacramental form of illumination in the homes. Later, candles were placed in the windows for a religious purpose. What were they?

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for January 28
LOYALTY TO THE KINGDOM
Matthew 6:10-7:29

Printed Text: Matt. 6:33; 7:12, 16, 19

Introduction. The fact that stands out in this lesson above all others to me is that of the passionate earnestness of our Lord in His efforts to impress men with the seriousness of the choices men are called upon to make in the living of life. "Which way shall I take?" They who choose the high road of faith walk the earth in company with God's noblemen and finally gather around the throne when He shall call His own.

We are now to study the latter of two lessons based on the Sermon on the Mount. There is not a man or woman in the world whom these words do not concern. To ignore them or regard them lightly is to walk a darkling way and finally past the fatal point where the lights go out on the road to hell.

I. (a) Possessions, performance unto God, peace in place of anxiety. Matthew 6:19-34.

Read first verses 19-21, to see how Jesus divides under different figures all life into right and wrong. Here He puts it under the figure of wealth on earth and wealth in heaven. His language is "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth."

(b) In verses 22-24 note the statement of the plain truth, if any one will serve the God of our blessed Lord, the same man can not serve mammon, the god of gold, the greedy god of gain. A man can allow himself to become so possessed by the love of money (another way of saying "become so possessed by a love of self") that he can not be a servant of God.

(c) Freedom from anxiety. Vv. 25-33. We are not only not to be feverishly occupied with the accumulation of earthly treasure, but we are not to be anxious concerning the necessities of life. To be free in the faith in Him from the spirit of worry, and it is not a prohibition against the wisely planned life. The language is not as in the King James translation, "Take no thought," the good Lord had more sense than to give such advice. The teacher who assigns lessons for her pupils takes thought. The farmer who plows his land in preparation for seedtime takes thought. But our Lord is warning against the spirit of worry which so many of us allow to make shipwreck of our strength. "Do not be anxious about your life, inquiring what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor yet for your body, inquiring what you shall wear. Is not your life more than food, and your body than clothing? . . . Which of you by being anxious is able to add one cubit to his stature? Why be anxious then about clothing?" Here is no declaration that we are to take no thought as to our sowing and reaping, but that we are to be free from the spirit of worry about it.

II. On passing judgment on others. Matthew 7:1-6.

Read it now. "Judge not, that you may not be judged yourselves; for with what judgment you judge, you will be judged, and in what measure you measure, others will measure

you." Of course you will judge as to whether those who deal with you are telling the truth. If you are gullible enough to believe all that a slick-tongued rascal tells you as to the worth of a mine or an oil well for whose promoters he is selling stock, you are likely to lose everything you get. Likewise, a judge on the bench has to judge many things as to the truth or falsity of those who tell their tales before his court. But our Lord is here warning men that they should eschew the spirit of consoraciousness, of fault-finding, of attributing low motives to others, of whose motives they have not adequate means of judging. By the judgments men and women pass upon others, the judges inevitably declare their own characters.

III. Prayer once again. Chapt. 7:7-11.

The subject of prayer receives more attention from our Lord in this sermon than any other subject He discusses. There are eleven verses about prayer in the sixth chapter, and here are five more. Why so much attention to this subject? It is of utmost importance for one thing. God has rich blessings for us, the which He gives us only in answer to prayer. If we do not pray, God can not bless. We grossly neglect prayer. Our homes, our hearts, our lives are prayerless.

IV. The Golden Rule. 7:12.

"Everything that you would have men do to you, do you also the same to them; for this is the law and the prophets" (Montgomery). "This is the law and the prophets," and it is the law and the prophets in relation to social morality, in relation to the second table of the law; but it is not the law and the prophets with respect to both tables of the law. Our Lord did not come merely to be a teacher of social morality, but to be a Redeemer and a Savior, and to teach His disciples in the divine life, that out of that divine life should come all social virtue.

"Whatsoever ye would." But how if ye would do something which is not reasonable and not consistent with the interests and well-being of human society? A judge knows very well that if he were in the situation of a prisoner at the bar of his court there is nothing he would so much desire as an acquittal. Must the judge therefore pronounce nothing but acquittals?

Now let us consider for a moment the excellence of this rule. 1. Its reasonableness, as founded on the original equality of all man one with another; 2. its capability of easy and immediate application; 3. the kindness and beneficence of such rule in relation to ourselves. "Love thy neighbor as thyself," and all that the Lord thy God hath required of thee is done.

V. Foundations. Vv. 24-27.

How many foundations? Two. That's all. There are not two right ways to live—just one. There are not two wrong ways to go—just one. In the right way, is the company of the redeemed, the Spirit of the Redeemer, the way of holiness, and at the upper end of it, the gate into the city. In the wrong way tendeth downward all the glooming way to the gross darkness of the rayless night.

Our Lord likens a man's religion to his own house. Is that right? Is a man's real life his real home? Is it in his life he lives? Oh, I know he lives his life, but does he not live in it, whether that life be good or bad? Even as he abides in his own skin, he abides in the life he lives, in the para-

EDITOR LEADS REVIVAL AT JAMES

Alexander Memorial church, James, Mississippi, believes in revivals. Rev. A. L. Goodrich, editor of The Baptist Record, recently assisted them in their third meeting in the last few months. The pastor called it a doctrinal revival.

The church was organized in September, 1943, under the leadership of Rev. E. C. Carr. A building has been erected and paid for and plans are now being made for an additional building.

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dis his life is, or in the mess he makes of his life. We move in the outward world, amidst many an outdoor scene, and meet there all the varieties which give to our world its chequered lights and shadows.

Now the Teacher tells us that this home of the heart must be built upon a rock. Any home is a poor home if it be without a firm foundation. How are we to get our religious life upon the rock foundation? By dealing with God's word as a reality. Handle the word of God as a fact. Follow the word of God wherever it leads you. His promises are all to the men who make the effort. Obedience roots itself in faith, which is but another way of saying that faith will fruit in obedience. For every hearing let there be a doing. For he that heath and doeth is the wise man who builds his house upon a rock.

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Mississippi Baptists, won't you go the first, second and third miles and give to the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign in February, the month set aside by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to complete the campaign?

"THE BUDDY PLAN"

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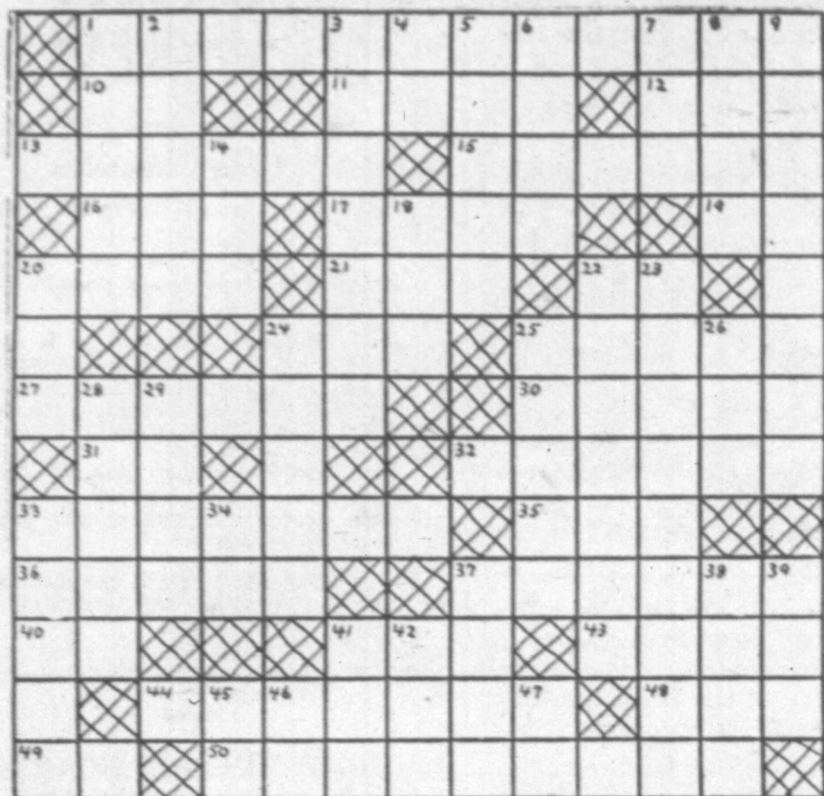
This week we are mailing out to several thousand Mississippi Baptists "My Envelope" and "My Buddy's Envelope" as one of the SEVEN steps in the current hospital campaign. Other enclosures are a tract by Chester Swor, and another tract, both of which will touch your heart. A letter explains the plan. We are simply asking each person receiving these envelopes to place \$1.00 in "My Envelope" and get a buddy to place \$1.00 in "My Buddy's Envelope". The "buddy" may be a husband, a wife, a son, a daughter, mother, father, sister, brother or friend. Place the envelope, or envelopes in your church offering and your treasurer will remit to the Convention Board office.

We are asking our treasurers to remit all monies promptly, Monday, January 29, that we may chart the progress of the campaign at the end of this month.

If Mississippi Baptists respond generously to this particular phase of the campaign we believe we will easily attain victory in this great phase of the ministry of Christ this month. WE COUNT ON YOU!

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"O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires."

—Isaiah 54:11.

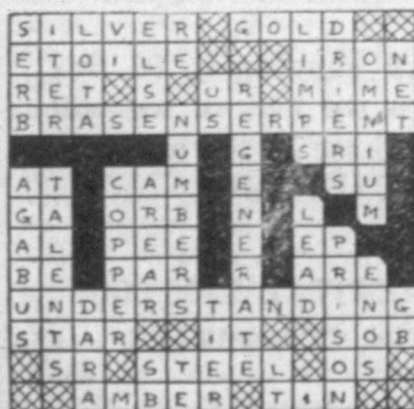
ACROSS

- 1 Precious stone named as the tenth in the foundations of the walls in the holy Jerusalem, Rev. 21:20.
- 10 Exclamation.
- 11 Extent.
- 12 Our country.
- 13 Last of twelve stones named in high priest's breastplate, Ex. 28:20.
- 15 "he was fast . . ." Judges 4:21.
- 16 Japanese statesman.
- 17 "some would even . . . to die."
- 19 European country.
- 20 This stone was found in the garden of Eden, Gen. 2:12.
- 21 "so that it went . . . with Moses."
- 22 Postal district in London.
- 24 Assyrian king, 2 Kings 15:19.
- 25 Famous violin.
- 27 "for the price of wisdom is above . . ." Job 28:18.
- 30 Isaac "pitched his tent in the valley of . . ." Gen. 26:17.
- 31 Part of the United States.
- 32 "all manner of precious stones, and . . . stone is abundance," 1 Chron. 29:2.
- 33 High priest, 2 Chron. 19:11.
- 35 Greek letter.
- 36 Eighth stone of the wall in the heavenly Jerusalem, Rev. 21:20.
- 37 Town in Bohemia, Austria.
- 40 Preposition.
- 41 "If . . . of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God," Jas. 1:5.
- 43 701.
- 44 One of the precious stones of the king of Tyre, Ezek. 28:13.
- 48 "the Lord . . . me," Gen. 24:27.
- 49 Always.
- 50 Mary's box containing the precious ointment was made of this.

DOWN

- 1 Among the presents that Pharaoh gave Joseph was a gold . . .
- 2 "Seest thou a man that is . . . in his words?" Prov. 29:20.
- 3 Sixth stone of the wall in the heav-

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



- 4 Conjunction.
- 5 Christ likened the kingdom of heaven to a merchant seeking and finding one . . . of great price.
- 66 " . . . it, even to the foundation thereof," Ps. 137:7.
- 7 " . . . thee at the law."
- 8 "for necessary . . ." Tit. 3:14.
- 9 "there appeared over them as it were a . . . stone," Ezek. 10:1.
- 14 Disease.
- 18 " . . . that she had," Mark 12:44.
- 20 Pronoun.
- 22 "a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an . . ." Rev. 4:3.
- 23 Stone in first row of high priest's breastplate, Ex. 39:10.
- 24 "with the . . . of our lives."
- 25 Stone in third row of high priest's breastplate, Ex. 39:12.
- 26 The palmyra (India).
- 28 Not met.
- 29 " . . . ye one another's burdens."
- 33 River of Damascus, 2 Kings 5:12.
- 34 Means of transportation.
- 37 Bird of starling family.
- 38 One who covers with icing.
- 39 "never gavest me a . . ."
- 41 Vessel for wine.
- 42 City of the priests, 1 Sam. 22:19.
- 45 North Central state.
- 46 Indian mulberry.
- 47 Repeat sign in music.

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Next month has been designated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as "Complete the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign" month. Won't every church have a part in this? Send a final check to Dr. McCall's office (designated for the

Blue Mountain Endowment Campaign) by the last day of February.

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A Working Association Program

One of the most important things before us at this time is the Association program and personnel. The old plan called for the Convention Board largely sponsoring the program and personnel. The present plan calls for the shaping of the program and selection of the personnel to rest upon the pastors and churches in each given association. We believe that is where it belongs. If they allow the matter to fall into a "racket" the work and workers will suffer greatly. The best available working program and personnel should be brought forward in each association.

Neshoba County Association has developed a program along rather definite lines which we are happy to present for your study.—D. A. McCall.

To the Churches of the Neshoba County Association and Other Brethren in the Lord Who May Be Concerned:

Because there are fifteen or twenty thousand people, many of whom are without Christ, who reside in Neshoba county and are not attending the worship and other services in the churches of the county, and because the Neshoba Baptist Association feels the need of a more constructive and adequate program in the Association as a whole and in the churches which compose it, the Association wishes to employ an associational helper whose task shall be the promotion of the Lord's work among us.

The following suggestions embody something of the proposed plan as viewed by the Executive Board of the Association:

- I. NAME. The name of the worker shall be "Associational Pastor."
- II. AREA. The field of labor is Neshoba county, Mississippi.
- III. PURPOSE. The general purpose of the proposed work is:

1. The salvation of the greatest possible number.
2. The growth of the saved in Christ-likeness.
3. The enlistment of the saved in the service of Christ.
4. The growth and development of the local churches.

For the realization of these general purposes the following:

IV. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES is proposed:

1. IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES, with special emphasis on:

- a. The development of leadership in each congregation.
- b. A constructive program of Sunday school work, utilizing the Sunday school as the greatest agency of the church for evangelism and the teaching of God's word.
- c. The Baptist Training Union as the greatest agency of the church for the training of the membership.
- d. The tried and proven principles and methods advocated by the Sunday school and Training Union tasks, both in the local churches and in the associational work.
- e. The W. M. U. for missionary activities among the women.
- f. Enlistment of all church members in an adequate program of church finances.
- g. Assistance in a constructive and adequate program for each church, including evangelism, a ministry of teaching and training, plans for the erection of adequate buildings where needed, and in other aspects of a progressive task.
- h. NEGATIVELY, the Associational Pastor shall in no way be considered pastor of a local church nor supplant its pastor, but shall work in harmony with the local church and its pastor, having no authority over them, but working with them in cooperation and love. Neither shall any local church have the right to expect the Associational Pastor to render the services of a local pastor.

2. IN THE ASSOCIATION, with special emphasis on:

- a. The associational Sunday school work in all its parts and responsibilities.
- b. The associational Training Union likewise.
- c. The associational W. M. U.
- d. Associational study courses and training schools for these organizations.
- e. A constructive program of evangelism.
- f. The establishment of missions and the organization of new churches where needed.

3. WITH THE DENOMINATION. The Associational Pastor shall cooperate with the local churches and with our Baptist denomination in the various aspects of its program.

V. DIRECTION. The work of the Associational Pastor shall be under the direction of the Neshoba Baptist Association in its annual meeting, and between annual meetings, under the direction of the Association's Executive Board (composed of the pastor and one member chosen by each church). The group under which the Associational Pastor shall directly work shall be the Missionary Committee of five, named by the Association at its annual meeting, this committee always to be subject to the Association and to the Association's Executive Board.

VI. SALARY OF ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR.

1. The salary of the Associational Pastor shall be three thousand dollars per year.
2. The State Baptist Board of Mississippi has agreed to give in addition for the year 1944 five hundred dollars to be used for expenses. This help probably will be continued.

VII. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES.

1. The twenty-four Baptist churches from the Association are asked to raise the three thousand dollars for the payment of the salary of the Associational Pastor. (Fourteen of the churches have already made their pledges, and it is hoped that the other ten will have a part.)
2. This proposed plan of the Association is planned for a duration of from three to five years, during which it is hoped that the churches will double in size and activities.
3. It is recommended:
 - a. That the funds be sent by the churches to the secretary-treasurer of the Neshoba Baptist Association.
 - b. That the secretary-treasurer in turn forward these funds to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson, Mississippi, requesting the treasurer of this Board, Dr. D. A. McCall, to set up a special account of all monies contributed to the Neshoba Baptist Association account, to be drawn on only upon order of the Executive Board of the Neshoba Baptist Association, which is composed of the pastor and one member chosen by each church in the Neshoba Baptist Association.

VIII. IN CONCLUSION, the program suggested above is by no means a contract between the Association with its churches and the Associational Pastor whom we hope to secure, but expresses the basis on which we are proceeding, as this is viewed by the Executive Board of the Neshoba Baptist Association. Room is left for further development as circumstances may direct. It is also felt that this constructive effort is somewhat in the field of pioneering, and it is hoped that this association may become a worthwhile laboratory for other associations in our Southern Baptist Convention.

A STRANGE SOUL WINNING EXPERIENCE

F. V. McFatrige
Plantersville, Miss.

He was a big, rough oil-field worker (and many of them are the finest people on earth), whose wife was a member of my church in Texas. He waited for me after the morning service, and asked:

"Preacher, how would you like to go with me to Oklahoma tomorrow?" It was at least 200 miles to the nearest part of Oklahoma, and I hesitated.

"How long will you be gone?"

"We'll leave early in the morning, and get back by Wednesday night."

I needed a vacation, but did not know if I could arrange to leave on so short a notice.

"It won't cost you a cent," he urged, and, as I still hesitated, he looked around to see that no one was near, then, with a desperate earnestness in his voice, confided: "My father is dangerously sick. In fact, I don't expect him to get well. I am not sure that he is a Christian; he has never joined a church. I don't want him to die unprepared to meet his Maker. I don't know any preachers where he lives, but I thought if you could read the Bible, and explain things to him, and pray with him, maybe you could show him the way. I'd sure like to take you with me."

The strangeness of the request lay in the fact that the man himself was not a Christian. I told him that I would see what could be done, and let him know by the night service.

We left early Monday, with his wife and another couple in the car, and just at sundown we pulled up in front of a lonely cottage on a bald prairie, with a mountain range blue in the background. After a time I was led into the room where a tall, gaunt, old westerner lay upon a bed. After a time the others left the room, and I told him the purpose of my coming. He was interested, and listened while I read the Word, and explained, as simply as I could, the way of salvation. I could see that something was troubling him, and he asked me if I would send his son into the room. I did so, and after awhile the son came out, and indicated that I should follow him. We walked out to his car, and got in.

"I have to make another trip tomorrow, to — (he named a town about 200 miles away, further in Oklahoma). Father has a brother with whom he had a falling out several years ago, and they have not had anything to do with each other since. He wants to see that brother, and I am going after him in the morning. You can go with me, or stay here, as you please. I would like to have you with me, and may need your help, but I am bringing him back with me, if he is not sick in bed."

Early next morning we started out, and traveled (and I mean just that, in a V-8, with good roads, and no speed limit) through the most scenic part of Oklahoma. It happened that an old room-mate of mine in junior college was pastor in the town to which we were going. We got there by noon, and I visited my former room-mate while my friend hunted up his uncle. About 2 o'clock he came by with the uncle in his car, and we started back. When we arrived, the two brothers were left alone in the room, and presently the sick man



Blue Mountain, Miss., Jan. 18—Sophomore class "Favorites" at Blue Mountain College. Their pictures will appear in the Mountaineer, college yearbook. Left to right: Anita Headrick, Laurel, and Margaret Pritchard, Liberty. Miss Headrick is the granddaughter of Brother Bryan Simmons. Her mother was also a Blue Mountain College girl.

sent for me."

"Preacher, I am ready to trust the Lord Jesus Christ, now. The thing that has stood in my way for several years has been the trouble between my brother and me. That has been settled now, and I am ready." Next morning the sick man seemed much better, and before I left he said: "Preacher, I thank you for coming. I might have died unprepared to meet God, if you had not come. I may never see you again in this life, but I will meet you again in another world."

Less than a month later I made another trip to Oklahoma, this time to preach the funeral sermon of this newly-found brother in Christ. All the way on the first trip I had not found a propitious opening to talk to the son who was so interested about his father's spiritual condition, about himself. But, as we returned from the funeral, I said:

"I know you are happy that I was able to say today that your father died trusting in Jesus; but I wonder just how much thought you have given to your own relationship toward God? When your time comes there may not be time for a preacher to travel to where you are to talk to you about Jesus. You may be in a place where no one will care enough to hunt up a preacher. Wouldn't it be the part of wisdom for you to make your own peace with God, now?"

He grinned at me.

"I have been wondering when you'd get around to that. I guess I'm glad you had the courage to take advantage of having me on the spot, for there is nothing I can say, but agree with you." Then, in a deeply serious tone: "It will be pretty hard going for me to live a Christian life now, working with the old bunch, but I have been running from God, and I guess I am tired of running." He pulled to one side of the road, and said: "I'm ready, if God is." It took a lot of traveling to win these two souls, but the experience was worth it to my ministry, and without price to these two men.



CHAPLAIN KNIGHT SERVES IN NEW CALEDONIA

Chaplain (Capt.) Lonnie W. Knight, who enlisted in the chaplaincy in 1941 soon after his graduation from the Louisville Seminary, has recently been serving in New Caledonia. He was graduated from Mississippi College in 1934 and served as a CCC chaplain before going to the Seminary at Louisville.

He writes interestingly of his visits to mission fields in New Caledonia and says that soldiers seeing what missionaries are doing will be more friendly to missions in later years.

Portions of his letter follow:

"You will be interested to know that I made an interesting trip up the island Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and that I really had a good time. I visited one of the mission stations there and it was really wonderful to see what the missionaries are able to do with the natives. I am planning a program of missionary emphasis here in connection with our regular church services and am going to have some of the missionaries come down and speak to the men of the army. I feel that if it is possible to let these men of ours over here see what they are doing in the mission field they will go back to their churches and tell the churches and by so doing many people will know more about the mission work. I plan to have a moving picture made of the work and show it in the church in connection with the program. I will let you know how we come out with the program as it gets planned a little more."

"I still enjoy this work very much and still feel that it is a mighty good place for a chaplain to work. Do you realize, though, that it has been two years today since I told my wife and son good-bye."

—BR—

Oakland Church, Newton County, Sends List

Another church to join the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is Oakland church, Newton county. From Mrs. C. V. Ranier we have received a list of 13 names.

Newton county Record readers are now listed as follows: SULPHUR SPRINGS 16, BETHEL 17, Beulah 2, CENTER RIDGE 14, CHUNKY 25, CLARKE VENABLE 89, CONHATTA 34, GOOD HOPE 16, HICKORY 76, LAWRENCE 14, LIBERTY 45, Little Rock 5, MT. NEBO 10, MIDWAY 16, Mt. Pleasant 1, MT. VERNON 26, NEWTON 163, OAKLAND 14, PINKNEY 36, POPLAR SPRINGS 20, CROSS ROADS 23, PROVIDENCE 25, Roberts 1, ROCK BRANCH 19, ROCK

—BR—

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ANSWERS TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Feature on Page Twelve)

1. (Ox treading out corn): The method and reason of not muzzling the ox, follow: A large area of beaten and hardened earth having been made, the sheaves of corn were placed on it, and unmuzzled oxen were driven over it, the purpose being to crush out the grain.

2. (Letter to Philomen): While addressed to Philomen privately, the letter was not private, and could be read by officials of the church, as well as Titus and Timothy themselves.

3. (First wine manufacture): The children of Israel when in Egypt considered the culture of wine was of great importance, and they established the manufacture of wine by pressing out the juice of the grape.

4. (Religious purpose of Yule log, and candles): The Yule log was sacred to people who loved to see the firelight dancing on the room and walls. The candles, which were used later in the windows on Christmas Eve, were also considered sacred, and were so placed in the windows so that the Christ Child, out alone in the cold and darkness, could be lighted on His way to their homes.

METHODISTS WANT BAPTIST RECORD

According to Rev. W. S. Hardin, pastor at Drew, others than Baptists want The Baptist Record. But his letter reproduced below is self-explanatory:

Dear Brother Goodrich:

There is a very fine group of people at the Wade church which meets in the Wade school house. There are eighteen Baptist families and five Methodist families. They want to get The Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. A list is enclosed. Please get it started and send me the statement for the first month. I asked for the privilege of doing that. After the first month send statement to Mr. Max Phillips, Drew, Miss., who is clerk and treasurer of the Wade Baptist Church. The people are enthusiastic over this plan.

As you no doubt know, Wade is a joint affair with Methodists and Baptists meeting together. Brother Wallace, Drew Methodist pastor, goes out the first and third Sunday afternoons and I go out second and fourth Sunday afternoons. We are anxious to be of service to the people in that community.

Come to see us when you can and keep up the good work with the Record.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. HARDIN.

—BR—

SHADY GROVE, JASPER COUNTY, SENDS LIST

Mrs. S. M. Allen, church clerk of Shady Grove, Jasper county, recently sent the EVERY FAMILY list for her church. There were 30 names listed.

Jasper county is rapidly becoming a Baptist Record county. Record readers are now listed as follows: BAY SPRINGS 70, CORINTH 28, DECEDAR 15, EDEN 38, FELLOWSHIP 28, HEIDELBERG 38, LOVIN 75, MONTROSE 32, MOSSVILLE 20, NEW FELLOWSHIP 12, PINE GROVE 20, Safford Springs 1, STRINGER 20, Vossburg 9, KNIGHT'S VALLEY 15, UNION SEMINARY 36, SHADY GROVE 30.

THE "BLACK MARKET" LAW P. I. Lipsey

It will be recalled that the recent Baptist State Convention appointed a committee to see Governor Bailey and express our opposition to anything which would tend to weaken temperance legislation or aid the liquor business. This had special reference to the action of the last legislature's passage of what is known as the "Black Market" Law.

It may be recalled also that soon after this a report appeared in the secular press that the governor said that this law was not discussed between him and the committee. Somebody is seriously at fault in this statement, for I, as one member of the committee, most certainly expressed my opinion of the law, in our interview with the governor. This is to keep the record straight.

The time has now come for all of us including members of the legislature to face this question squarely. Many members of the legislature who voted for this "Black Market" law, have said that the matter was sprung upon them at or near the close of the session, and little time was left for thorough consideration, and that it was voted on without clear understanding of its significance. It was said by some who were responsible for it that it was a temporary measure, and many swallowed it without giving it any serious thought, and the reactions of the people have certainly not been favorable. Many religious bodies have passed resolutions condemning this law, and certainly their opinions are worthy of respectful consideration by the next legislature. We must face this issue fairly and correct any wrong that has been done.

The plain fact is that our law making body has done the incomprehensible thing of declaring a thing illegal and at the same time giving it legal standing by putting a tax on it. It simply says you must not sell liquor in Mississippi, and then turns round and says but it will be passed over if you give me a hand out of ten per cent on the sale.

In this case the state is in effect and to all intents and purposes giving a license to do a thing, which by another statute is positively forbidden. There is no use quibbling about a difference between a tax and a license. The state, of course, taxes any mercantile business or corporation. This same tax certificate is often called a license, and properly so. It entitles the firm or corporation to do business and protects him in it.

That this is true in the case of the black market law is shown by the way it operates. The officer who collects this tax does not bother the bootlegger any more. Under the law he has the right to arrest the bootlegger and is under obligation to do so. But instead of prosecuting him under the statute against liquor selling, he simply threatens to do so unless the tax is paid. The tax is paid and nothing more is said about it. This is having the state or a state official to do what some policemen or sheriffs are said to do on their own account and for their own benefit, namely collecting a hand out from criminals and thus allowing them to purchase immunity and protection. This is plain common sense and any legislator who gets mad when his attention is called to it is only proving that he is in league with criminals.



**HILBUN AND NIX PROMOTE
EVERY FAMILY PLAN**

A recent letter from Enlistment Pastor B. S. Hilbun included the EVERY FAMILY list from New Hope church, Jones county. Rev. J. E. Nix is pastor. He is also pastor of another EVERY FAMILY church, Sand Hill. Pastor Hilbun says that Rev. Nix, although a young preacher, is doing a fine work.

Jones county now has Record readers as follows: BEULAH 58, ANTIOCH 38, BEACON 72, BETHEL 14, CENTERVILLE 36, COUNTY LINE 41, ELLISVILLE 115, Estabutchie 1, HARMONY 34, FAIRFIELD 64, LAUREL FIRST 448, SECOND AVENUE LAUREL 118, LOWREY CREEK 22, MOSELLE 31, MT. ORAL 25, OVETT 44, PECAN GROVE 30, PINE GROVE 49, SAND HILL 21, SHARON 33, CALVARY 14, FRIENDSHIP 43, SHELTON 37, SOSO 17, SUMMERLAND 42, TUCKER'S CROSSING 18, WEST LAUREL 36, BETHLEHEM 63, SANDERSVILLE 41, New Bethany 5, INDIAN SPRINGS 56, Pleasant Grove 66, HEBRON 41, OAKLAND GROVE 14.

—BR—

The state of Mississippi, through the state tax collector's office and by the votes of a majority of its legislators, has become the biggest bootlegger operating within its boundaries, the most cynically flagrant violator of its own laws enacted to protect Mississippi homes and youths from the liquor traffic. The state of Mississippi has become the biggest bootlegger and the most brazen violator of its own laws by becoming the silent partner of an ever-increasing number of bootleggers and saloon-keepers, demanding ten per cent of every dollar received by these for the illegal sale of liquor.—Clarion-Ledger.

In your recent kind references to our church, Columbus Avenue Baptist Church of Waco, there were some errors. Instead of the total gifts for the associational year being \$36,216.73, the amount was \$62,815.28. Total local gifts were \$39,530.85 and the total mission gifts were \$23,284.43. Instead of our budget being \$40,000 it was \$49,000 and to date we have \$54,000 pledged on this budget.—H. H. Hargrove, pastor, Columbus Avenue church, Waco, Texas. (Editor's note: Dr. Hargrove is another Mississippian serving well in another state.)

First church, West Point, Leon Maccon, pastor, set a goal of \$83,000 for the Baptist Hospital Enlargement Fund. The offering on Sunday, January 14, was \$2,867.20 and a member guaranteed the balance.



**REV. WYATT HUNTER
ANOTHER LARGE CHURCH
GETS RECORD**

**Baptist Record Now Goes to First
Church, McComb**

First church, McComb, has joined the many other large churches having The Baptist Record as a part of the program. Rev. Wyatt Hunter is pastor and having had this popular and progressive plan at Lyon he has worked to that end at McComb. But The Baptist Record is not all. He has led them to progress along all lines. Last year was the best in gifts, in missions and in additions. A new front has been put on the church, the auditorium redecorated and new carpets for the auditorium ordered.

Pastor Hunter is now in his seventh year at McComb. And they say his congregations are now better than ever.

Pike county Record readers are listed as follows: Bluff Springs 8, BOGUE CHITTO 31, Central 43, EAST McCOMB 259, FERNWOOD 51, Friendship 23, Holmesville 3, McCOMB FIRST 476, MAGNOLIA 94, Mt. Zion 3, OSYKA 88, Progress 3, SILVER CREEK 36, SOUTH SIDE McCOMB 93, SUMMIT 97, TANGIPAHOA 83, Thompson 15, SILVER SPRINGS 56, TERRY'S CREEK 68, UNION 40, JOHNSON 29, Navilla 1.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 21, 1945

	SS	BTU
Jackson, First	971	283
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	602	301
Jackson, Calvary	949	276
Jackson, Parkway	430	
Wallerville	20	26
Ramah	53	53
Crystal Springs	451	111
West Side, Natchez	103	53
Bethlehem, Jones Co.	31	
Ackerman	125	
Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave.	171	
Glenfield, Union Co.	66	60
Houlka, Chickasaw Co.	35	34
New Albany, First	325	123
Tocawa	25	25
Olive Branch	49	42
Rocky Creek, George Co.	54	28
Ellison Ridge, Winston Co.	95	
Enon, Panola Co.	33	48
Summit		101
Brookhaven, First	385	115
January 14		
Maget's Creek, Walthall Co.	82	108
Laurel, Beacon church	195	73
Hardy	85	22
Moselle, Jones Co.	77	61

SCHOOL STUDY REVEALS STUDENTS HAVE DECIDED CHURCH PREFERENCE

Birmingham, Alabama—(RNS)—A church-preference study in the public schools here revealed that only 42 high school and 465 grammar school students had no choice of a church, while 7,170 high school and 16,201 grammar school students named a specific church or sect as their religious preference. The project was conducted by the Birmingham Pastors Union and the Birmingham Sunday school Council.

"Our challenging task," said D. R. Price, director of the Sunday School Council, who supervised the study, "is to make the actual Sunday school attendance identical with their expressed Sunday school and church preferences."

To achieve this result, the churches plan to contact each boy or girl who claimed a church affiliation and encourage them to attend services. A special effort will be made to bring children of war workers who have lately moved to the city under the influence of the church of their choice.

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Almost one-third of the 625 men attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., are being assisted in meeting their expenses this year through the work-grant plan instituted by the seminary last year. Under this plan students work for the seminary, receiving from \$15 to \$30 a month to supplement

Mississippi Baptists, won't you go the first, second and third miles and give to the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign in February, the month set aside by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to complete the campaign?

Next month has been designated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as "Complete the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign" month. Won't every church have a part in this? Send a final check to Dr. McCall's office (designated for the Blue Mountain Endowment Campaign) by the last day of February.

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